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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 3-17-70

FROM : J. B. Adams

SUBJECT: ROBERT S. STRAUSS

Former Special Agent - Dallas Office

Resigned 10-19-45, indicating parents were ill and this motivated his decision to resign.

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PERMANENT BRIEF

Entered on Duty	1-12-42
Reported to Field	4-6-42
Resigned	10-19-45
Last Grade and Salary	CAF-11, \$4300
Last Salary Change	7-1-45 (Basic Increase)
Age	51 (Born 10-19-1918)
Place of Birth	Lockhart, Texas
Marital Status as of 10-19-45	Married (2 Children)
Education	Bachelor of Laws Degree
Member of Bar	Texas State & Federal Bars
Language Ability	None
Last Performance Rating	GOOD (10-19-45)
Offices of Preference as of 10-45	Dallas, San Antonio
Firearms Ability	Qualified
Outstanding Endorsers	Former U. S. Senator Tom Connally, (Deceased); Former Speaker of the House, Sam Rayburn, (Deceased).
Relatives in Bureau	None
Offices of Assignment:	
4-6-42	assigned Des Moines
7-13-42	transferred Cincinnati
9-2-42	Resident Agent Columbus, Ohio
4-13-43	transferred Dallas
10-19-45	resigned



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in Section 36 of the Bureau Manual of Rules and Regulations, please be advised that my status with respect to the items listed below is as follows:

- (A) Date of Birth: *OCT. 19, 1918*
(B) Marital Status: (name of spouse) *HELEN J. STRAUSS*
(C) Spouse's Place of Employment:

- (D) Number and birth date of Children:

TWO - 

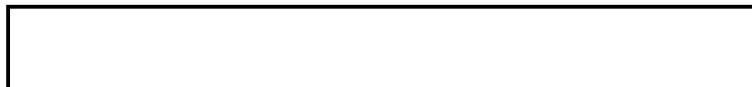
- (E) Names of parents,
brothers and sisters:

CHARLES H. STRAUSS
EDITH V. STRAUSS



- (F) Maiden name of wife, together
with names of wife's parents,
brothers and sisters:

HELEN NATALIE JACOBS (WIFE)
LES LIE L. JACOBS
HELEN F. JACOBS > *PARENTS*



- (G) Names of husband's parents,
brothers and sisters:



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b7C

(H) Names of societies or
organizations with which
connected:

(I) Legal Residence: 4221 BRYN MAWR, DALLAS, TEXAS

(J) Education:
(Names of Schools attended
and degrees received)

UNIV. OF TEXAS, LL.B.

(K) Name, address and relation-
ship of person to be notified
in case of emergency:

HELEN STRAUSS - WIFE

4221 BRYN MAWR
DALLAS, TEXAS.

(L) List of names of any relatives
now in the Government service,
with degree of relationship,
and where employed. (List all
relatives, including those by
marriage.):

(M) Offices where assignment preferred:
(Limited to three)

DALLAS

SAN ANTONIO

Very truly yours, D

Robert S. Strauss

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ROBERT S. STRAUSS

6-1945

This employee entered on duty on 1-12-42, as a Special Agent, Grade CAF-9, \$3200 per annum. During his training period he was interviewed by Mr. H. H. Clegg who stated he made a good appearance, presented a rather mature appearance and had no trouble with the Bureau's work. He possessed poise, displayed interest and enthusiasm and it was felt he would develop into an average Agent rapidly.

On 4-6-42, he was assigned to the Des Moines Office.

While assigned to the Des Moines Office comments were made that his investigations were thorough and his reports were well set up. His attitude was good, he worked hard and put in a substantial amount of overtime. He handled his cases with good judgment and his work needed only about average amount of supervision.

On 7-13-42, he was transferred to the Cincinnati Office and on 9-2-42, he was designated Resident Agent at Columbus, Ohio.

During his assignment in the Cincinnati Office and as Resident Agent at Columbus, Ohio, comments were that he organized his work properly, was alert, intelligent and quick on the pickup. He made a good personal appearance, had shown resourcefulness and sufficient force and aggressiveness to carry out his investigative work properly.

Effective 10-16-42, he was promoted to Grade CAF-10, \$3500 per annum.

By letter dated 2-24-43, he requested a transfer to the Dallas Office due to the fact both his father and mother were seriously ill. He explained his father was confined to a hospital with a serious heart ailment and during the past two months it had been necessary for him to take leave on two occasions amounting to six weeks absence from the office.

On 4-13-43, he was transferred to the Dallas Office. Comments on his transfer performance report were that he made a good personal appearance, he was rather youthful, he had a great deal of native intelligence, was keen, quick witted, and it was thought he would develop into a better than average Agent. He had handled his assignments in a capable manner, his investigations were complete, thorough and his reports were well written. His overall rating was GOOD.

On 6-1-44, he was promoted to Grade CAF-11, \$3800 per annum and on 7-1-45, he received a Basic Salary Increase to \$4300 per annum in Grade GS-11.

On 10-19-45, he resigned and in his letter of resignation he expressed appreciation for the numerous favors extended him during the serious illness of his parents. They both remained in very poor health and this factor largely motivated his decision to resign. On his cease-duty performance report his services were rated GOOD.

On 10-2-58, his service record was furnished to Small Business Administration.

In a memorandum, Jones to Bishop dated 8-12-69, information was set forth that in 1964, the Dallas Office advised, in connection with another matter, that Strauss was then an attorney at the Republic National Bank, Dallas, Texas. He was considered by personnel at the bank to be of excellent character. In October, 1964, Strauss was interviewed concerning our investigation of Walter Jenkins at which time Strauss stated he had known Jenkins socially for several years but knew nothing derogatory on him. On 11-16-67, in response to a White House name check request we advised that our files contained no derogatory information concerning Strauss. In April, 1968, the Dallas Office advised that Strauss represented an individual who was the subject of a Crime Aboard Aircraft matter in which the subject had apparently interfered with flight crew members while under influence of alcohol. Strauss was identified at that time as a very close friend of then Governor Connally and represented Connally and a number of other wealthy individuals. On this memorandum Mr. Tolson noted, "Sending autographed copy new book." The book was sent 8-13-69. In a letter to the Director dated 8-19-69, Strauss expressed appreciation for this book.

The 1968-69 Membership Directory of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation listed Strauss as an Attorney, Skin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feed, 2800 Republic Bank Building, Dallas, Texas. His residence address was listed as 6223 De Loache, Dallas, Texas.

VOCATION RECORD

DATE April 10, 1945

NAME STRAUSS ROBERT S. TITLE OF POSITION SPECIAL AGENT
 Last First Middle
 (Use legal signature and PRINT) PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT DALLAS

EDUCATION:

College or University UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ENTERED ON DUTY JANUARY 12-1942
 Month Day Year

Location AUSTIN, TEXAS Degrees L.L.B. Major Minor
 City State

Federal Year 1941 CPA
 BARS: State OF TEXAS Year 1941

FOREIGN LANGUAGE ABILITY:

PROFICIENCY

Language	Read:	Excellent	Good	Fair
	Speak (Converse):	Excellent	Good	Fair
	Understand:	Excellent	Good	Fair
	Translate:	Without dictionary	With	

Source of proficiency: Native Tongue Academic Years Studied SIS

Foreign Travel 1 Countries 3 Length Dates 1937

Language	Read:	Excellent	Good	Fair
	Speak (Converse):	Excellent	Good	Fair
	Understand:	Excellent	Good	Fair
	Translate:	Without dictionary	With	

Source of proficiency: Native Tongue Academic Years Studied SIS

Foreign Travel Countries Length Dates

List any DIALECTS you are familiar with and your proficiency

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT: (Give detailed information regarding previous employment, it is not necessary to list name of employer, but state type of duties performed and what capacity.)

TYPE OF WORK and IN WHAT CAPACITY

PROFICIENCY

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

PRACTICING ATTORNEY GOOD 9 MONTHS
SALESMAN IN MENS WEAR GOOD 7 YEARS

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VOCATIONS and AVOCATIONS: Give detailed information regarding any special knowledge, abilities, talents, hobbies, trades, etc., you possess, including athletics.)

	<u>PROFICIENCY</u>	<u>YEARS OF EXPERIENCE</u>
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ORGANIZATIONS: (List all organizations to which you belong, including FRATERNITIES)

<u>SIGMA ALPHA MU FRATERNITY</u>	<u>AUSTIN NATIONAL</u>	
	City	State
<u>DALLAS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	<u>DALLAS</u>	<u>TEXAS</u>
	City	State
	City	State
	City	State

FOREIGN TRAVEL: (List all foreign countries you have traveled in)

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>IN WHAT CAPACITY</u>	<u>DATES (No. of months, etc)</u>
<u>GERMANY</u>	<u>TOURIST</u>	<u>1931 (1 MONTH)</u>
<u>FRANCE</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1931 (1 MONTH)</u>
<u>HOLLAND</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1931 (7 WEEK)</u>
<u>SWITZERLAND</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1931 (3 WEEKS)</u>
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MILITARY TRAINING: List any experience in any branch of the armed forces, or special training you have had. If you have had service in any military capacity, state branch, rank and number of years.)

SPECIALIZED BUREAU TRAINING and EXPERIENCE: (Check any of following training you have had.)

DATES

DATES

_____ Asiatic School	_____ Locks
_____ European School	_____ Chamfering
_____ SIS School	_____ Secret Inks
_____ Police Liaison School	_____ Sound
_____ Police Instructor's School	_____ Microphotography
_____ Major Case School	_____ Tamper Proofing
_____ Chief Clerk's School	_____ Moulage
_____ Firearms Expert School	_____ Typewriting Alignment
_____ Field Supervisor's School	_____ Supervisor's School
_____ Communism	_____ ASAC School
_____ General Investigative	_____ SAC School
_____ Security	_____ Inspector's School
_____ Selective Service	

ARE YOU A QUALIFIED BUREAU SPEAKER? NO

ARE YOU AVAILABLE FOR AN SIS ASSIGNMENT? YES LOCATION DESIRED ENGLAND & EUROPEAN AREA

RADIO - SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS: (State degree of proficiency and length of time spent in the following.)

1. Education or Teaching Experience in:
 - a. Communications or Radio Engineering _____
 - b. Electrical Engineering _____
 - c. College Physics _____
 - d. Vocational or other Radio School _____
2. Practical Experience in Radio:
 - a. Employment as Radio, Electrical or Communications Engineer or Technician _____
 - b. Amateur Radio _____ Licenses Held _____
 - c. Commercial Radio Operator _____
 - d. Radio or Sound Repairman or Technician _____

- e. Experimenter or other _____
- f. International Morse Code: - Transmit _____ W.P.M. - Receive _____ W.P.M.
- g. Technical Knowledge of any Electronic Devices _____

TYPING ABILITY 30 Words per Minute SHORTHAND ABILITY _____ Words per Minute

MISCELLANEOUS: (List any other information, qualifications and accomplishments.)

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

**DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

Austin, Texas

March 10th., 19 41

Sir:

I hereby make application for appointment to the position indicated by check mark, in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and for your use in this connection submit the following information:

Special Agent (Law Trained)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Special Agent (Accountant)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stenographer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Typist	<input type="checkbox"/>
Messenger	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laboratory Technician*	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student Fingerprint Classifier	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Indicate by check)

(This application should be typewritten if possible)

1. Name in full (please print) Strauss, Robert L. Schwarz
(Family name) (Given name) (Middle name)

(a) Female applicants must furnish maiden name _____

2. Legal residence Stamford, Texas 9. Westchester Apts

3. Mail and telegraphic address San Antonio 4721 Bowser St, Dallas
1604 W. Lynn, Austin, Tex. Phone No. 26124

4. Date of birth Oct. 19, 1918 Weight 165 Height 6 ft. Color white
(Without Shoes)

5. Place of birth Lockhart, Texas

6. (a) Father's name Chas. H. Strauss (b) Father's birthplace Nuremburg, Ger.

7. (a) Mother's maiden name Schwarz (b) Mother's birthplace Hempstead, Texas.

8. If you were not born in United States, how long have you lived here? _____

9. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes

10. If naturalized, date and place of naturalization _____

11. Are you single, married, widowed, separated, or divorced? Single

12. If your husband (or wife) is employed, state where employed _____

13. Number of children, if any _____

14. Are you entirely dependent on your salary? Will be June 1st

15. To what extent are you financially indebted to others and to whom? None

*Specify exact title of position sought as Laboratory Technician -

See details on separate description sheets which will be furnished on request.

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16. Education: (Please print.)

	NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL	FROM	TO	COURSES PURSUED, DIPLOMAS OR DEGREES RECEIVED
(a) Elementary	Hamlin, Texas Hamlin Grammar School	1924	1928	
	Stamford, Texas Stamford Grammar School	1928	1931	
(b) High school equivalent	Stamford, Texas Stamford High School	1931	1935	High School
(c) College or technical	Austin, Texas University of Texas	1935	present	Will receive Law Degree.
(d) Miscellaneous				

17. Give names of clubs, societies, and other similar organizations of which you are a member:

Sigma Alpha Mu (social); Cowboys (honorary);

18. Have you been admitted to the Bar, if so specify: Have taken Texas Bar exams and not heard from yet.

19. Describe any physical defects, including extent of defective vision, if any

None.

20. Health record for the past 3 years (give number of days and nature of serious illness):

Influenza in Feb. 1940, otherwise no illness whatsoever.

* Applicants for Laboratory Technician positions should list in detail scientific courses pursued, using an insert if necessary and give title of any Master's or Doctor's Thesis prepared.

21. Experience: (Please print.)

Have only worked for my father in Summers;

[illegible]

22 Specify any arrests (include traffic arrests) None, with possible exception
of few parking meter tickets, in Austin, Texas.

23. Have you ever been a defendant in any court action? NO.

Specify: Found: 1910 Rio Grande, 1903 Tucces, 1914 Tucces,
Harris Park Ave, with Mrs. Correll, all Austin,

24. Give five personal references (not relatives, former employers, fellow employees, or school teachers), more than 30 years of age, who are householders or property owners, business or professional men or women (including your family physician, if you have one) of good standing in the community, and who have known you well during the past 5 or more years. (Please print.)

	NAME	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	NUMBER OF YEARS ACQUAINTED	BUSINESS ADDRESS
1.	<i>Dallas</i> Dr. E. P. Bunkley Frank Morrow	Stamford, Texas. Stamford, Texas.	12 ✓ 12 ✓	Stamford Sanitarium, Stamford, Texas.
2.	<i>San Antonio</i> Arno Nowotny	1604 W. Lynn, Austin, Texas.	1 ✓ 6 ✓	Stamford State Bank Stamford, Texas.
3.	Alfred Melinger	Enfield, Rd. Austin	10 ✓	Employment Bureau University of Texas Austin, Texas.
4.				W.P.A. Pub. Relations Dep Smith-Young Tower Bldg. San Antonio, Texas
5.	<i>Dallas</i> Leslie L. Jacobs	4105 De Loache Rd Dallas, Texas	5 ✓	Pollock Paper & Box Co. Dallas, Texas.

25. List the names of any relatives now in the Government service, with the degree of relationship, and where employed:

None

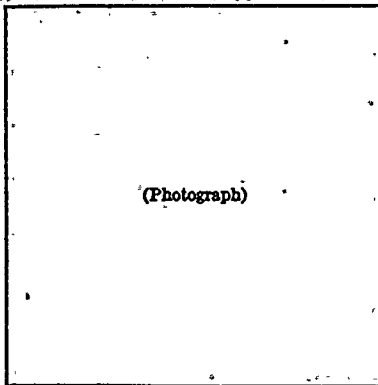
26. What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept? Decent living standard wherever located.

27. Are you in a position to accept probationary employment at any time, without previous notice, and, if notice is required, how much? No notice required, and could so accept.

28. In the event of appointment will you be willing to proceed to Washington, D.C., upon 10 days' notice and at your own expense? Yes.

29. If appointed are you willing and prepared to accept assignment or transfer to any part of the United States where services are required, for either temporary or permanent duration? Yes.

30. Attach unmounted face photograph not larger than 3 by 4 1/4 inches. Write your name plainly on back of photograph. Photograph to be taken not more than 30 days prior to date of application.



(Photograph)

Respectfully,

Robert S. Strauss
(Signature of applicant as usually written)

NOTE.—If the applicant desires to make any further remarks or statements concerning his qualifications or in answer to any question contained in the application, the same should be made on a separate sheet of paper, numbering the remarks in accordance with the original questions.

NOTE.—The following jurat must be subscribed to by all applicants for positions in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice.

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me by the above-named applicant, this 4th day of April, 1941, at city (or town) of Austin, county of Travis, and State (or Territory or District) of Texas

[OFFICIAL IMPRESSION SEAL]

Clay House
(Signature of officer)
Notary Public
(Official title)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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ROBERT STRAUSS

~~Christian Law~~
~~1306 Colorado~~
~~Austin, Texas~~

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

To: The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States
Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Interviewing Official: Acting SAC M. W. Acers Interview date: 4/26/41

Name of Applicant: Robert Schwarz Strauss Position: Special Agent

Exam. Re-Exam. Age: 22 10/19/18 Education and degrees:
Marital status:

Oral:

Written:

Composite:

Single

Stamford High School, Stamford, Texas,
1931-35, graduated.

University of Texas, Austin, Texas,
1935-41. Will receive Law Degree
in June, 1941.

1. GENERAL IMPRESSIONS OF APPLICANT:

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2. Do you consider the Applicant qualified for the appointment he seeks
and, if appointed, do you believe he would develop into better than
an average employee? Yes

3. SELECTIVE SERVICE INFORMATION:

- A. Has applicant registered? Yes. If so, what is order number? 2099
- B. Approximate date of induction? About October, 1941.
- C. Does applicant intend to claim exemption? No, plans to get married but does not
If so, what deferment classification? Questionnaire not intend to claim exemption.
- D. What is applicant's attitude toward military service?
If it gets the U.S. ready then its what I want.

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4. PERSONAL APPEARANCE:

✓ A. PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND APPROACH: Excellent. Good. Fair. Poor.

B. DRESS: Neat. Flashy. Poor. Untidy.

C. ✓ FEATURES: Refined. Ordinary. Coarse. Dissipated.

D. PHYSICAL DEFECTS, if any: None.

Glasses for reading but not needed

5. CONDUCT DURING INTERVIEW:

A. PERSONALITY: Excellent. Good. Fair. Average. Poor.

B. POISE: Well-poised. Steady. Temperamental. Average.

C. SPEECH: Average. Reticient. Talkative. Boastful.

✓ D. ASSURANCE: Self-confident. Fair. Over-confident. Lacking.

E. NERVOUSNESS: None. Slight. Very nervous.

✓ F. FOREIGN ACCENT: None. Slight. Noticeable.

✓ G. TACT: Tactful. Average. Lacking.

✓ 6. GENERAL INTELLIGENCE:

✓ A. Answers general questions definitely. Quickly. Vaguely.

✓ B. Has applicant studied Federal Procedure? Yes, for Bar Examination

✓ C. Any investigative experience? If so, describe None

✓ D. Does the Applicant appear to be resourceful? Yes

✓ E. Does the Applicant appear to have executive ability? Some latent

✓ F. Is he likely to develop? Yes

7. GENERAL INFORMATION:

A. What is his ultimate goal in life, aside from his desire to be connected with the FBI? To contribute to the welfare of the public a permanent benefit.

B. What are his recreations and tastes? Tennis, handball, hunting, various intramural sports at school, reading, bridge, and movies.

8. HEALTH RECORD:

Good - no serious illnesses

9. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSONS TO WHOM INDEBTED:

Stamford State Bank, Stamford, Texas, \$740.00. For a car I bought a few days ago. Will pay it monthly.

10. CITIZENSHIP OF APPLICANT, WIFE AND PARENTS: (IF NATURALIZED, DATE AND PLACE).

Applicant is a native born citizen of the U.S.
Father was born in Germany; came to this country as a boy, but hasn't been naturalized for many years through neglect.

11. ORGANIZATIONS, CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ETC: (INDICATE NATURE, PURPOSE AND LOCATION).

Cowboys	Austin, Texas	Honorary Service group
Sigma Alpha Mu	Austin, Texas	Social
Austin Traffic Safety Council	Austin, Texas	To promote safer driving

12. ARREST RECORD (INDICATE CHARGE, DATE, PLACE, DISPOSITION) OF APPLICANT AND RELATIVES:

Applicant states has paid parking tickets in Austin, Texas, dates unknown

13. RESIDENCE ADDRESSES DURING PAST FIVE YEARS:

1935-37	1910 Rio Grande	Austin, Texas
1937-38	1903 Nueces	Austin, Texas
1938-39	1914 Nueces	Austin, Texas
1939-40	Mrs. Correll, Harris Park Ave.	Austin, Texas
1940-41	1604 W. Lynn, Arno Nowotny	Austin, Texas

14. TIME CONSUMED IN PERSONAL INTERVIEW:

1 hour

M. W. Acers
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

Interviewing Official

1. GENERAL IMPRESSIONS OF APPLICANT:

This applicant is 6 feet 1 inch tall; weighs 165 pounds; has brown eyes and brown hair. ✓ His features are fine; he is exceptionally alert; mature for his 22 years, sober and serious, although possessed of a well balanced sense of humor. ✓

His school record is not outstanding but is about average. However, his extracurricular activities are extensive and he has been responsible for some worthwhile advances on the campus of the University of Texas. He is President of his Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity; is a University representative on the Austin Traffic Council; is an officer of the Inter-Fraternity Council, selected by the Annual Publication of the University of Texas as one of the outstanding students on the campus; assisted in the origination of the Varsity Carnival, which is establishing a scholarship fund for needy students; is one of the few Jewish students to be elected to "Cowboy" which is men's honorary service organization, selected last week to represent the University of Texas in the Walter S. Mack competition, in which 300 colleges and universities select "outstanding student most likely to succeed."

He is a good conversationalist; was at ease at all times during the interview; self-confident; exhibited no signs of nervousness and in general creates a very favorable impression. ✓

It will be noted that his father was born in Neurenberg, Germany, and was only recently naturalized in 1938 at San Antonio, Texas. The applicant explained that his father had reached something of an outstanding position in the community in a small town and that he neglected naturalization due to embarrassment that would have been caused by allowing the other citizens to know that he was not a citizen at this time.

The applicant states that he is versed in the use of firearms to a limited extent having used shotguns for hunting as well as a 22 cal. rifle. He can use the typewriter by the touch system at the rate of about 40 words per minute. He has driven automobiles for many years with no accident. He is not proficient in a foreign language. He fully understands that he will be subject to frequent transfer; called upon to engage in dangerous assignments and that service in the F.B.I. is not a bar to military service. He states that he uses intoxicants moderately and only occasionally. He lists as Bureau acquaintances: James Langdon, Dick Gump, Al Martin and Burleson Smith. He was questioned concerning his membership in any subversive organization with negative results.

✓ Although this applicant is only 22 years of age and will not be 23 until October 19, 1941, it is my opinion that he is older for his years than many individuals 24 years of age or older. ✓ He was fully advised of the arduous nature of the Bureau work.

Physical examination form 2413 and conditional sheet together with examination papers are attached. Recommendation favorable.

JM

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

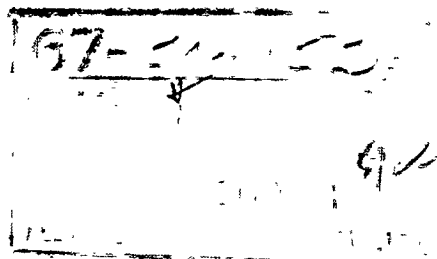
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APRIL 15, 1941

Transmit the following message to: SAN ANTONIO

ARRANGE IMMEDIATE INTERVIEW AND EXAMINATION WITH ROBERT S. STRAUSS, ONE SIX
NAUGHT FOUR W. LYNN, AUSTIN, TEXAS, SA APPLICANT.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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(Place) San Antonio

(Date) April 26th, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Having filed an application for a position as Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, I hereby agree that in the event of an appointment I will be governed by the following conditions:

1. Upon appointment and within ten days after receipt thereof, I shall be required to proceed at my own expense to Washington, D. C., where I will take the oath of office and enter on duty.
2. That said appointment will be on a probationary basis.
3. That my retention in the Bureau shall be dependent upon the performance of satisfactory services, and if my services are deemed unsatisfactory it is understood that my employment may be discontinued at any time and that I will not receive transportation to my home, or to any other point, at Government expense.
4. That if appointed I may be sent to any part of the continental or territorial United States that the exigencies of the Bureau's work may require; that my headquarters may be fixed in some jurisdiction other than that in which I have heretofore resided; that my headquarters may be changed as the work of the Bureau may require; and that no transfer will be made from one station to another for personal reasons.
5. That the confidential character of the relations of the employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the public is fully understood by me, and that the strictly confidential character of any and all information secured by me, in connection directly or indirectly with my work as a Special Agent, or the work of other employees of which I may become cognizant, is fully understood by me, and that neither during my tenure of service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation nor at any other time will I violate this confidence, and I agree that I will not divulge any information of any kind or character whatsoever that may become known to me, to persons not officially entitled thereto.

I further agree that nothing connected with this certification is to be construed by me as an assurance that an appointment will be tendered me; that I fully understand all of the foregoing and that the conditions specified herein are agreeable to me; that if appointed I will abide by the foregoing conditions, and I am fully cognizant that the provisions mentioned above are to be complied with and they are to be regarded as a part of my appointment if it is subsequently tendered to me and accepted.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

26th day of April, A.D. 1941

Mrs. Maup Levine

Notary Public Bexar County, Texas.

Very truly yours

Robert S. Strauss
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The aim of the Executive order, September 4, 1924, under which this examination is made, is to obtain information as to the physical condition of appointees to the classified civil service with a view to promoting efficiency and minimizing accidents and claims under United States employees' compensation laws.

Notes for Examining Physician

WEIGHT.—Males, without clothing, and also in ordinary clothing without overcoat or hat (weigh twice); females, clothed, but without wrap or hat. If overweight, state whether due to bone and muscle or to fat.

HEIGHT.—Without boots or shoes; observe that no appliances are used to increase.

The examination should include the following observations:

1. **Eyes.**—Ptosis; discharge; corneal scar; pterygium. In recording distant vision, consider 20 feet as normal and report all vision as a fraction with 20 feet as numerator and the smallest type read at 20 feet as denominator. If glasses are used, record for each eye the finding with and without glasses. Near vision must be reported. In testing vision without glasses the applicant or appointee should be instructed to remove the glasses at least one-half hour before testing uncorrected vision.

2. **Ears.**—Evidence of middle ear or mastoid disease; condition of eardrums; discharge. In recording hearing, record 20 feet as normal distance for conversational voice and record deviation from normal as fraction with 20 as denominator and actual distance as numerator.

3. **Nose.**—Ability to blow through each nostril. If free, a speculum examination would not be indicated.

4. **Mouth and throat.**—Missing teeth, pyorrhea; tonsils, hypertrophy or disease.

5. **Gastro-intestinal.**—Ulcers, inflammations, etc.

6. **Thyroid.**—Presence of tumor in neck and tremor, exophthalmos; nervous high-strung disposition, especially in women.

7. **Heart.**—Murmurs. State whether functional or organic. If valvular disease exists, state whether or not it is fully compensated. Arteriosclerosis.

8. **Lungs.**—It is necessary that the auscultatory cough be used. If tuberculosis is present, state whether active or arrested; if arrested, state your opinion as to how long it has been quiescent. Sputum to be examined for tubercle bacilli in all suspected cases.

9. **Hernia.**—Give details as to size, location, etc., and whether well-fitting truss is worn. Inguinal hernia exists when ring is enlarged and on coughing visceral impulse is felt which follows the finger on withdrawal.

10. **Varicocele.**—If varicocele is present, state approximate size—e. g., size of walnut, lemon, etc.

11. **Flat foot** of such a nature as to incapacitate or become aggravated by work or be alleged later to have been caused by accident or occupation. By "flat foot," as used in this form, is meant a weak foot with impaired function, the term being equivalent to "fallen or misplaced arch," an abnormal condition. Impairment of function is the point to be noted. An anatomically flat foot, but strong, is not disqualifying.

12 and 13. **Scars, deformities, atrophies, and paralyses** should be noted, but it is not important that small insignificant scars or blemishes which might be referred to as marks of identification be recorded.

14. This entry should include symptoms and full history of any mental or nervous abnormality.

15. **Urinalysis** to be made in case of persons over 40, and in all cases where arteriosclerosis, nephritis, or diabetes is suspected.

Record of urinalysis, if made, Sp. gr. 1.020 Albumen no Sugar no Casts no

Blood pressure: Mm. Hg. Systolic 128 Mm. Hg. diastolic 70

If tachycardia is present, give pulse rate: Sitting 76 Immediately after exercise 100 Two minutes after exercise 78 Cardiac reserve Good
(Good, fair, or poor)

I have found this applicant abnormal under the following headings: ✓

In my opinion, applicant is capable of performing duties involving arduous physical exertion.
(Arduous, moderate, or light)

REMARKS: Excellent physical condition

(Signature of applicant)

Robert S. Strauss
(This space to be filled in, as a matter of identification, by the applicant in own hand writing, and in ink, in the presence of the physician)

Med. Bldg., Philadelphia
(Place of examination)
April 26-1941
(Date of examination)

The examining physician must be in the Federal service

Dr. C. B. Witkowski, M. D.
(Signature of examining physician)
Board No. 5, Exam. Physician
(Title, and branch of Federal medical service)
Full time? part Part time? part Fee paid? none

The personnel officer should fill in the blanks below before sending this form to the Commission for action.

To be appointed in _____
(Department) (Bureau)

Title of position _____

Type of appointment (check): ☐ Original appointment ☐ Transfer ☐ Reinstatement ☐ Classification

Number of certificate upon which applicant's name appears (to be given in case of original appointment) _____

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FILE NO. 67-1281

REPORT MADE AT Miami, Florida	DATE WHEN MADE 5/8/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/7/41	REPORT MADE BY J. BURLESON SMITH EE
TITLE ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS			CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT-SPECIAL AGENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant known to Special Agent J. Burleson Smith, 1937-1941 at University of Texas. Applicant of Jewish descent, fair student, good mixer and popular with other students, hard worker in campus activities, thoroughly reliable and conscientious. No reason to suspect un-American sympathies.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau teletype dated May 6, 1941.

DETAILS:

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

This report is being made pursuant to a telegram from the Miami Field Office received by the writer at Jacksonville, Florida. Applicant and the writer attended the University of Texas Law School together and were well acquainted there for approximately three years from September, 1937 to February, 1941. Applicant lived in the small town of Stamford, Texas, and at the University of Texas was a member of the Jewish fraternity Sigma Alpha Mu, being president of that chapter for at least one year. Applicant was also a member and treasurer of the Texas Cowboys, an honorary social-service organization. In this organization and in other campus activities the writer knew applicant to be an untiring worker, thoroughly reliable, and extremely conscientious.

Applicant was regarded highly by other students on the campus and was very popular both in and out of class. He was a fair student, but devoted more time to outside campus activities than the average law student and thereby lowered his scholastic average. He is

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apparently physically sound, is a good mixer, and takes an occasional drink, but the writer has never seen applicant unduly under the influence of alcohol.

The writer has no reason to suspect applicant of any un-American tendencies or sympathies.

It is the understanding of the writer that applicant is a candidate for an LL.B. Degree from the University of Texas in June, 1941.

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FILE NO. **67-1187**

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 5/7/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/7/41	REPORT MADE BY RICHARD A GUMP jc
TITLE ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL AGENT APPLICANT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Special Agent GUMP acquainted with applicant since 1938. Described as honest and trustworthy, good personality, and has ability as leader. Nothing derogatory known.

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REFERENCE:

Teletype from Bureau dated May 6, 1941.

DETAILS:

At Cleveland, Ohio

The writer has been acquainted with applicant for about two years, having attended the University of Texas in Houston, Texas, at the same time. When the writer last saw applicant he was in his second year of law school, and it is believed he was due to graduate in June of 1941.

Applicant is a member of Sigma Alpha Mu, a Jewish fraternity on the campus of the University of Texas, and it is believed he was at one time President of that fraternity. He served on the inter-fraternity council at the University of Texas and took a large part in the activities of the fraternity group. He was well known among the law students and so far as the writer knows was well liked by everyone whom he knew. It is noted that he was always asked to most of the fraternity dances and took part in several school committees, doing work for the school in connection with various school activities such as the annual homecoming and other inter-scholastic affairs.

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As to his activities in the law school, his grades are believed to be about average, and so far as the writer knows he was never on the honor roll but it is believed that he will graduate on time.

It is believed that he will take a social drink but the writer has never known him to drink to excess. So far as the writer knows he has never been in any particular trouble and nothing derogatory concerning him is known. He is believed to be honest and trustworthy, and writer has never had any reason to doubt his patriotism to the United States.

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Chicago FILE NO. **67-4159**

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 5/8/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/7/41	REPORT MADE BY W. E. ASSMUS (A) TEA/ehc
TITLE ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS			CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

LESLIE JACOBS, reference, unqualifiedly recommends Applicant for position. Honesty, integrity, and Americanism beyond question.

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REFERENCE:

Telegram from Dallas Field Office May 7, 1941.

DETAILS:

At Chicago, Illinois.

MR. LESLIE L. JACOBS, reference, was telephonically contacted at the Drake Hotel concerning his knowledge of the qualifications of ROBERT STRAUSS for the position of Special Agent. JACOBS stated that he had known STRAUSS for about four years, having met him through his daughter at the University of Texas. JACOBS said that the applicant was a member of the same crowd as was his daughter and he, JACOBS, had had the opportunity of meeting STRAUSS quite frequently and was very much impressed with STRAUSS' ability and his poise and general all-around knowledge. According to JACOBS, STRAUSS is one of the best balanced lads he has ever had the privilege of knowing. He stated that although STRAUSS is not an outstanding athlete he is a capable one and although his scholarship record is not the best in his class it is nevertheless above average. JACOBS stated he has had the opportunity of observing STRAUSS on many different occasions and has found that he mixes

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readily with all types of persons; that he drinks socially, although never to excess, his morals are good, and his honesty and integrity are above reproach. JACOBS continued by saying that STRAUSS is a leader on the campus and as a matter of fact was chosen as the student representative of the college to attend a convention, the other representative of the college being the president. It is the belief of JACOBS that the applicant partially earned his way through college, because his folks, although small town merchants and well established, are not well to do.

JACOBS himself is the vice president of the Pollock Paper and Box Company of Dallas, Texas, and he advised that in this position it was necessary for him to interview quite a few applicants for engineering positions with the Pollock Paper Company, and as a result of this experience he felt that he had more than the average ability in selecting persons for positions of responsibility and trust. He stated in this regard that if STRAUSS were an engineer instead of a lawyer he would never have had an opportunity to make application with the F.B.I., because he would have immediately been taken into the employ of the Pollock Paper and Box Company.

JACOBS emphasized the fact that he wished to unqualifiedly recommend the applicant for the position of Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. With regard to the applicant's loyalty to this country JACOBS said that STRAUSS' family was of good American stock and the boy himself was a loyal American citizen, with no radical tendencies or subversive ideas.

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TITLE ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS			CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT -- SPECIAL AGENT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Applicant known to Agent at University of Texas, where he was outstanding in campus activities, displaying sincerity, ability, and diplomacy in marked degree. Nothing un-American.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-left: 100px;">RUC</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Teletype from Bureau to Milwaukee Field Division dated 5-6-41.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Agent well acquainted with Applicant since approximately 1936, having attended University of Texas with him for about four years. Applicant believed to have first displayed ability as leader in his fraternity Sigma Alpha Mu, Jewish Social Fraternity, where his willingness to assume responsibility and his efficient manner of handling the matters undertaken by him quickly made him a leading representative in all campus matters in which his fraternity participated. His dependability and good judgement soon brought him recognition outside his own group and he became one of the outstanding campus leaders in politics and intra-mural supports, and was very heavily relied upon by the Office of the Dean of Men in all matters calling for close cooperation between faculty and student body and requiring diplomacy for their accomplishment.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Applicant was never an outstanding student in Law School, but it is the writer's belief that his failure to excel in this regard is attributable to his wide diversity in interests and not to any lack of intelligence on his part. Applicant is very clean in his personal habits, neat in his dress and always presents a good appearance. His personality is very pleasing, his character excellent</p>			
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and his conduct on the conservative side in all things.

To the writer's knowledge Applicant has never been involved in anything reflecting discredit upon him and has never exhibited any indication of un-American sympathies.

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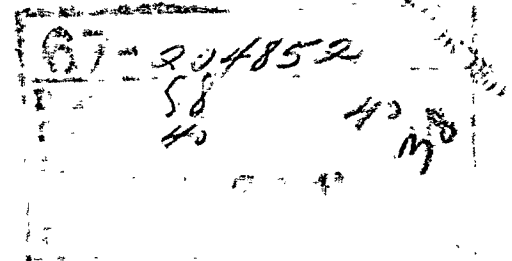
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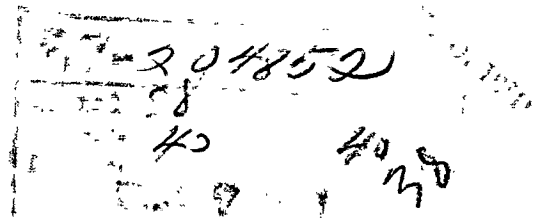
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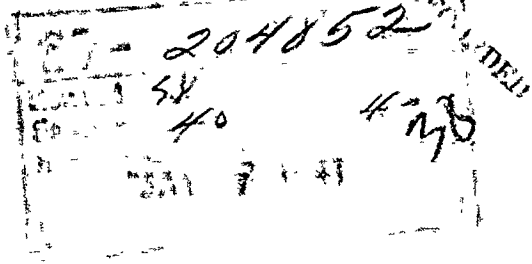
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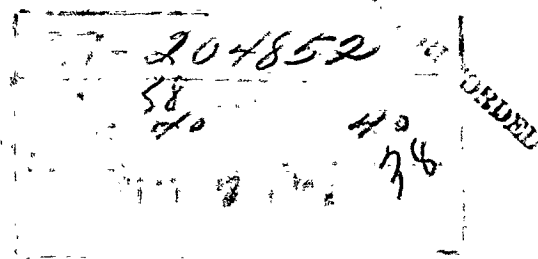
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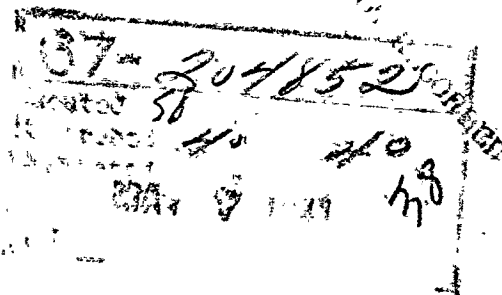
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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	DATE WHEN MADE 5/8/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/7/41	REPORT MADE BY J. C. LANGDON GLB
TITLE ROBERT SCHWARTZ STRAUSS			CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

S.A. JIM C. LANGDON acquainted with applicant, University of Texas, period of 3 years. Applicant was outstanding student leader, made average grades, is Jewish, but well-liked by everyone. Presents juvenile appearance but is neat in attire. Appears frail physically and wears glasses but is believed to have no physical defects which would interfere with his use of firearms. No radical or un-American tendencies. Agent would recommend applicant if personal appearance and physical condition satisfactory for Bureau requirements.

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REFERENCE: Teletype from Bureau, dated 5/6/41.

DETAILS: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Special Agent JIM C. LANGDON became acquainted with the applicant in about 1938, at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas. Applicant was

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attending law school, where he made average grades, spending the major portion of his time in various campus activities. Applicant was fair-minded, unselfish, industrious, possesses wit and originality.

While at the University, the applicant was elected to membership in the Texas Cowboys, an honorary service organization. In this organization, he took a very active part and worked diligently on a project to light the intramural athletic field in order that under-privileged students might participate in sports after dark at the University of Texas.

The applicant was also elected to membership in the Friar, an honorary senior men's service organization to which the four outstanding senior students at the University are elected annually.

The applicant was listed in the University Year Book as an outstanding student, as a good fellow, and was generally picked as such by the Daily Texas, a student publication at the University of Texas.

The applicant was a member of the Sigma Alpha Mu, a Jewish Fraternity, and was a leader in that organization. Although the applicant was Jewish, he was held in high esteem by both Gentiles and Jews.

The applicant is neat and conservative in his attire, but is juvenile in appearance. He appears frail physically and wears glasses, but it is not believed that he possesses any physical defect which would interfere with his use of firearms. He possesses no radical or un-American tendencies.

Agent LANGDON would recommend applicant to become a better than average Agent, provided his personal appearance and physical condition measure up to the standards of the Bureau.

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ROBERT SCHWARTZ STRAUSS, SA APPLICANT. KNOWN TO SA JIM C LANGDON FOR PERIOD OF ABOUT THREE YEARS AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, TEXAS. APPLICANT CONSIDERED AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADER, HELD MEMBERSHIP IN NUMEROUS HONORARY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING TEXAS COWBOYS AND FRIARS. MADE AVERAGE GRADES. IS CONSCIENTIOUS, INDUSTRIOUS, POSSESSES WIT, INITIATIVE, AND ORIGINALITY. APPLICANT IS JEWISH, WAS MEMBER OF JEWISH FRATERNITY. WAS WELL LIKED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. POSSESSES NO RADICAL OR UNAMERICAN TENDENCIES. IS NEAT AND CONSERVATIVE IN HIS ATTIRE BUT PRESENTS A JUVENILE APPEARANCE. APPEARS FRAIL, WEARS GLASSES, BUT IS NOW NOT KNOWN TO HAVE ANY PHYSICAL DEFECT WHICH WOULD INTERFERE WITH HIS USE OF FIREARMS. AGENT WOULD RECOMMEND APPLICANT IF PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND STAMINA ARE FOUND TO MEET BUREAU REQUIREMENTS.

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NINE SPECIAL AGENT APPLICANTS AND ONE SPECIAL AGENT APPLICANT
ACCOUNTANT INTERVIEWED HERE TODAY. FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATIONS
AS FOLLOWS. *In ord mcd 5/6/41/pmc*
ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, ORDER NUMBER TWO NAUGHT
NINE NINE. HAS NOT RECEIVED QUESTIONNAIRE BUT EXPECTS TO BE
CALLED FOR SERVICE SOMETIME IN OCTOBER NINETEEN FORTYONE ALTHOUGH
INTENDS TO MARRY JUNE NEXT. WILL NOT ASK DEFERMENT THIS BASIS.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SA APPLICANT. REFERENES, ACQUAINTANCES, NEIGHEORS RECOMMEND APPLICANT AS TO CHARACTER AND REPUTATION AND THAT HE HAS NO FOREIGN SYMPATHIES. RECORDS UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS REFLECT ATTENDANCE THIRTY FIVE TO DATE WITH C AVERAGE IN ARTS AND SCIENCE. FAILED COLLEGE ALGEBRA, U. S. HISTORY BOTH OF WHICH WERE REPEATED AND PASSED. FAILED MATHEMATICS OF INVESTMENT.

PHILOSPHY AND LOGIC, NOT REPEATED. HAS SIXTY SEVEN AVERAGE LAW SCHOOL. WILL GRAUDATE JUNE, FORTY ONE. RECORDS REFLECT APPLICANT

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OCTOBER TWELVE, NINETEEN THIRTY NINE. MOTHER REPAIRIED SAN ANTONIO

U. S. D. D. MARCH FOURTH, THIRTY NINE. APPLICANT FAILED BAR

EXAMINATION. NO CREDIT RECORD AUSTIN. ARRESTED AUSTIN FOR PASSING

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. **67-1216**

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 5/11/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/8/41	REPORT MADE BY E. C. DORRIS
TITLE ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS			CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, according to references and others, is honest, capable and ambitious; does not dissipate in any manner and is member of highly respected family whose loyalty is not questioned. Father born in Germany, educated in Switzerland, came to United States many years ago. Records Clerk, U. S. District Court, Abilene, Texas, reflect applicant's father, KARL HANNAH STRAUSS, received citizenship papers October 12, 1940. Mother is native born. Applicant graduated Stamford, Texas, High School, in 1935, with average grades. President of Stamford State Bank believes loan will be paid by applicant at maturity. Previous loans paid promptly. Credit rating good. No criminal record.

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REFERENCE: Bureau teletype dated May 6, 1941.

DETAILS:

AT STAMFORD, TEXAS.

Mr. FRANK E. MORROW, President, Stamford State Bank, furnished as a reference by applicant, advised as follows: He has known applicant and his family for the past several years, applicant moving to Stamford with his parents when he was only about ten or twelve years old. The family at that time moved to Stamford from Hamlin, Texas. He has only the highest regard for applicant.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>A. P. Kitchin - E.C.W.</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES MAY 15 1941 <i>67-1216-1854-14</i>
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and his family, stating that they were high type Jewish people, of the best character, and enjoyed an excellent reputation. Applicant's mother was a SCHWARZ, an old Jewish family of Ft. Worth, Texas, and that family also are reputable, high class people.

MORROW went on to state that he considers applicant one of the finest boys ever reared in Stamford, understands that he was a good student in school, has never been involved in any trouble, and is well liked and respected by all his friends and acquaintances. Applicant has a pleasing personality, is a good mixer, and he, MORROW, believed would fit in with the personnel of the Bureau. He is a good conversationalist, does not drink or gamble, and is morally clean. Mr. MORROW stated further that applicant is a reserved type of person and usually keeps his own council unless requested to speak, but then is not hesitant or backward in his statements. MORROW believed that possibly applicant might have a slight inferiority complex, but he advised that this was only a guess. Mr. MORROW had never heard of applicant being employed except in his father's dry good store. Applicant probably has no income except that furnished by his father, and possibly his grandmother might contribute toward his education.

The indebtedness mentioned by applicant, to the Stamford State Bank, was mentioned to Mr. MORROW. He stated that this was for the purchase of a car that applicant had bought just before returning to the University of Texas when last visiting in Stamford. Applicant's father had suggested the loan as the money had to be borrowed from some source. The bank had loaned the money to applicant. Mr. MORROW stated that the loan would be paid, he felt sure, according to agreement, and that applicant had owed the bank on previous occasions, always caring for the obligation at maturity. Mr. MORROW stated that applicant's father was also one of the bank's customers; that he often owed the bank money but always paid it back. MORROW suggested that possibly STRAUSS, Sr., might get behind with his obligations, but that his intentions were good, and he always paid such obligation.

MORROW states that he knows of nothing derogatory at all concerning this applicant. He knows that applicant and his family are loyal American people.

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DR. E. P. BUNKLEY, Stamford Sanitorium, states that he has known applicant and his family over a period of several years, having been the family doctor during such acquaintanceship. He knows of no sickness in the family, no insanity, and does not believe that he has ever treated applicant for any illness whatever. Dr. BUNKLEY went on to state that applicant and his family all enjoy excellent reputations among their friends and he knows them to be true, loyal American people. Dr. BUNKLEY recalled that several years ago applicant had his nose fractured and that during last summer he went to a plastic surgeon and had the nose revamped and straightened.

Dr. BUNKLEY stated further that applicant has a pleasing personality, is good looking, gets along well in his dealings with others, is a good mixer, and makes friends easily. Dr. BUNKLEY's son and applicant have been practically raised together, and he feels that he knows applicant well through this contact. He has never known of applicant being in any sort of trouble, and does not know of his ever drinking or gambling. Applicant has a nice personality and disposition. He is likeable, intelligent, and energetic. Dr. BUNKLEY knows of nothing derogatory.

Dr. BUNKLEY stated further that applicant's father took bankruptcy in either Hamlin, Texas, or in Stamford, Texas. The doctor states that he is a director in the Stamford State Bank, and that STRAUSS, SR., had handled this bankruptcy in such a gentlemanly manner that his credit was not even impaired, stating that he was loaned money by the bank just after taking bankruptcy. Dr. BUNKLEY believes that all creditors have been paid off in full.

Judge R. C. THOMAS, Postmaster, Stamford, Texas, stated that he has known applicant and family for the past several years. He, THOMAS, formerly was Mayor of Stamford, and also operated the Retail Merchants Association, and through these sources believes he knows all about the STRAUSS family. He considers applicant one of the town's best boys, and possibly one of the most promising. Applicant is likeable, agreeable, has a pleasing personality, makes friends easily, and enjoys an excellent reputation. He comes from a very cultured, and highly respected family. Applicant's father was born in Germany, educated in Switzerland, and came to the United States many years ago; applicant's father, whose true name is KARL H. STRAUSS,

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secured his citizenship papers at Abilene, Texas. Applicant's mother was a SCHWARZ, coming from Ft. Worth, and this family are an old Texas family, possessing a great deal of wealth.

Judge THOMAS related information concerning the bankruptcy taken by applicant's father, and stating that this was forced on him during the depression years. THOMAS believed that all creditors has been paid off in full, and stated that STRAUSS went ahead trading with his same creditors after the bankruptcy, and also borrowed money from the Stamford State Bank. THOMAS stated further that applicant and his family were strictly true-blooded Americans, hating all "Isms." THOMAS stated he knew of nothing derogatory concerning this applicant.

J. B. MCCARLEY, Justice of the Peace, Precinct #2, Stamford, Texas, stated that he did not know this applicant personally, but is well acquainted with his parents. He considers the STRAUSS family to be excellent people, and stated he knew nothing against them whatever.

Miss PEGGY ELLIOTT, employee of Bunkley Drug Store, Stamford, Texas, stated that she and this applicant were about the same age, and had attended the same school for years. She regards applicant very highly, stating that he was a splendid young man with pleasing manners and personality, good looks, and above average intelligence. Applicant was a good student in school, easy to control, and she knows of nothing whatever derogatory.

Mr. J. R. GLEATON, advertising salesman, "Stamford American," a newspaper, states that he worked as clerk in applicant's father's store for about six years. He is intimately acquainted with applicant and his parents. He has the highest regard for the entire family, stating that they are entirely honest, and dependable. GLEATON stated further that applicant is one of the nicest young men he has ever known; is energetic and ambitious, studious, loyal, morally clean, does not drink or gamble, has a very pleasing personality, good manners, is reserved, courteous, and gives the impression of being well reared and of having a good background. Applicant is thoroughly honest and dependable, and has above average mentality. GLEATON stated he knew of no reason whatever why he would not recommend this applicant for any position he might be seeking.

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GLEATON was questioned concerning the bankruptcy which was taken by applicant's father. GLEATON stated that STRAUSS, SR., had taken bankruptcy shortly after he, GLEATON, started working for him. STRAUSS apparently retained all of his friends and went ahead making credit purchases from previous creditors and also in borrowing money from a local bank. GLEATON believes that all of these old creditors have been paid off, as he recalls STRAUSS exhibiting some cancelled checks to him recently, with the assertion that all of his creditors had been paid off in full.

Mr. T. A. UPSHAW, President, First National Bank, Stamford, Texas, stated that applicant and his parents were very highly respected people, enjoying an excellent reputation and apparently being people of high character. He, UPSHAW, knows of nothing derogatory, but stated that he did not know applicant very well except that he was one of the young boys around town. UPSHAW never heard of his being in any trouble or of anything derogatory.

Mr. W. C. LEAVITT, Jewelry Store, stated that applicant is well known to him, and that he is a fine young man. Applicant seems to have above average intelligence, has a good personality, is courageous, honest, and sincere. Applicant has carried an open charge account with LEAVITT and always took care of his obligations promptly. LEAVITT stated he knows of nothing derogatory, but would be glad to recommend applicant for any position he might be seeking.

Mrs. J. R. GLEATON, Manager, Retail Credit Association, Stamford, Texas, stated that she is well acquainted with applicant and has the highest regard for him. She has never heard of anything derogatory concerning him. She stated that the records of the bureau do not contain any credit information concerning applicant, but she knows of her own knowledge that his credit is good anywhere in town. Mrs. GLEATON pointed out that applicant usually bought on his father's account, and is not of sufficient age that any great amount of responsibility would have been his, that is, prior to the time applicant started attending the University of Texas. Mrs. GLEATON stated there was nothing in her records concerning the bankruptcy taken by applicant's father. Applicant's address is shown to be 908 E. Welch Street.

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It is noted that several merchants were contacted during the course of this investigation, and all stated they would sell applicant anything he wanted, on credit.

The records of Stamford High School, exhibited by Mrs. CECIL GREGORY, indicate that applicant was born on October 19, 1918, which is the date furnished by applicant. These records indicate that applicant attended from 1931 through 1935, and that on May 28, 1935, he graduated with a total of 16½ credits. It was noted that applicant was absent on a few days each year, and tardy a few times.

It was noted that applicant had four years of English, averaging a grade of 78; two years history, averaging grade 79; five credits of Mathematics, averaging grade 80; Latin two years, averaging 74; Biology one year, grade 80; Chemistry one year, grade 70; Economics, one-half credit, grade 83; Civics one-half credit, grade 83; and Typing, one half credit, grade 77.

Mr. J. S. SLOAN, Stamford, Texas, stated he had lived across the street from the STRAUSS family for about twelve years, and knows nothing whatever against any member of the family. He stated further that applicant, when a young boy, often came over to his home and he has known applicant intimately during these several years. Applicant is a fine young man, comes from an excellent family, and is well liked and respected by all who know him. He, SLOAN, has never heard anything whatever against applicant and would be glad to recommend him in any way possible. Applicant has been well reared, has good parents, and has enjoyed a model home life. There have never been any disturbances from the STRAUSS family, and they are excellent neighbors. SLOAN has never heard of applicant drinking, gambling, or anything else to indicate that he was not of the highest moral character.

Mr. IRVING MOUDY, manager of a grocery store in Stamford, Texas, stated he lives next door to the STRAUSS family. They are a quiet, happy family, and he has never had any complaint to make about them of any nature. He does not know of applicant ever drinking and knows nothing about him or his family which is derogatory.

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Chief of Police GEORGE FLOURNOY stated that as the police station was directly across the street from the Strauss Dry Goods Store, he almost watched applicant grow up. He considers applicant to be one of the finest young men ever raised in Stamford, and knows of no trouble whatever that applicant was ever involved in.

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

It was ascertained that LESLIE L. JACOBS, a reference, is presently at Chicago, Illinois, where he is a guest at the Drake Hotel. The Chicago Field Division was requested by telegram on May 7, 1941, to interview Mr. JACOBS at the Drake Hotel, and submit report of investigation by May 9, 1941.

AT ABILENE, TEXAS

A check of the records in the office of the Clerk of the U. S. District Court, Abilene, Texas, reflects that KARL H. STRAUSS received his citizenship papers at Abilene, Texas, on October 12, 1940.

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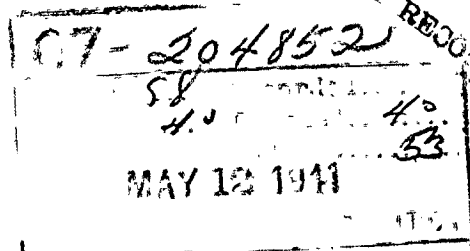
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ACQUAINTED WITH APPLICANT SINCE APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN THIRTY SIX.

HAVING ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS WITH HIM ABOUT FOUR YEARS

WHERE HE ASKED WAS ~~OUTSTANDING~~ OUTSTANDING IN CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

DISPLAYING SINCERITY, ABILITY, AND DIPLOMACY IN MARKED DEGREE.

APPLICANT VERY CLEAN IN PERSONAL HABITS, NEAT IN DRESS, PLEASING

PERSONALITY, EXCELLENT CHARACTER, CONSERVATIVE IN CONDUCT.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SA APPLICANT. RECORDS U S D C SAN ANTONIO INDICATE EDETH VIOLET STRAUSS APPLICANTS MOTHER REPATRIATED MARCH FOURTH, NINETEEN THIRTYNINE. BIRTH RECORDS LOCKHART REFLECT APPLICANT BORN OCTOBER NINETEENTH, NINETEEN EIGHTEEN. H P STEINLE, SECRETARY OF BOARD OF EXAMINERS TEXAS BAR ASSOCIATION NOW ADVISES APPLICANT DID NOT FAIL BAR, BUT BAR EXAMINATION TAKEN IN FEBRUARY LAST. RESULTS NOT YET OBTAINABLE.

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TELETYPE BRIEF OF INVESTIGATION

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RE: ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS
Special Agent Applicant

Written Rating: 50%
Oral " : 60%
Composite " : 55%

Age: 22. High School Graduate
Single Since 1935-University of Texas

EDUCATION

Stamford High School, Stamford,
Texas, 1931 - 1935 - Grad.

Applicant graduated with average grades.

Univ. of Texas, Austin, Texas,
since 1935

Records reflect applicant received a C average
in Arts and Science. He failed College Algebra,
United States History, both of which were re-
peated and passed. Applicant failed Mathematics of Investment, Philosophy and Logic but they
were not repeated. Applicant has a 67 average in Law School. He will graduate in June
1941.

Took Texas Bar February 1941.

Results not yet obtainable.

EXPERIENCE

Worked for father in summers

Not investigated.

REFERENCES

Dr. E. P. Bunkley
Frank Morrow, both Stamford, Texas
Arno Nowotny
Alfred Melinger, both Austin, Texas
Leslie L. Jacobs, Vice President,
Pollock Paper and Box Co., Dallas,
Texas

References in Austin recommend applicant as to
character and reputation and state that he has
no foreign sympathies. References in Stamford
state applicant is honest, capable and ambitious.
Applicant does not dissipate in any manner and is
member of highly respected family whose loyalty
is not questioned.

MEMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS

Sigma Alpha Mu; Cowboys; Austin Traffic Safety
Council; Friar; Inter-Fraternity Council.

RELATIVES IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

Neighborhood investigation and
other persons interviewed.

Neighbors and acquaintances in Austin recommend
applicant as to character and reputation and
state that he has no foreign sympathies. Acquaint-

ances in Stamford state applicant is honest, capable and ambitious. Applicant does not

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dissipate in any manner and is member of highly respected family whose loyalty is not questioned. Applicant's father owner and general manager of Strauss Dry Goods Store, Stamford Texas.

Born Oct. 19, 1918, Lockhart, Texas

Verified by birth records. Applicant's father born in Germany. Records clerk, United States

District Court, Abilene, Texas, reflect applicant's father received citizenship papers October 12, 1940. Records Lockhart, Texas reflect applicant's father was naturalized October 12, 1939. In personal interview applicant states his father was naturalized in 1938 at San Antonio, Texas. Applicant's mother was repatriated in United States District Court, San Antonio on March 4, 1939. No un-American sympathies were disclosed during the investigation.

Languages

None.

Criminal Record: Parking Ticket, Austin, Texas, no dates given

Applicant arrested Austin for passing stop sign fined \$3.00, which applicant paid.

Indebtedness, \$740. Stamford State Bank, Stamford, Texas, for auto.

President of Stamford State Bank believes loan will be paid by applicant at maturity. Previous loans paid promptly.

Acquainted with SA's Richard A. Gump, J. Burleson Smith, Alvin R. Martin, and James C. Langdon

Mr. Martin states he became acquainted with applicant at the University of Texas, where applicant displayed ability as a leader and his dependability and good judgment soon brought him recognition as

an outstanding campus leader in politics and intra-mural supports. He stated applicant was never an outstanding student in Law School; but he believed applicant's failure to excel in this regard is attributed to his wide diversity in interests and not to any lack of intelligence on applicant's part. Applicant is very clean in his personal habits, neat in his dress and always presents a good appearance. His personality is very pleasing, his character excellent and his conduct on the conservative side in all things. To Mr. Martin's knowledge applicant has never been involved in anything reflecting discredit upon him and has never exhibited any indication of un-American sympathies. Mr. Smith states he became acquainted with applicant at the University of Texas Law School. He stated applicant was active in campus activities, and was known to be an untiring worker, thoroughly reliable, and extremely conscientious. He stated applicant was regarded highly by other students on the campus and was very popular both in and out of class. He was a fair student, but devoted more time to outside campus activities than the average law student and thereby lowered his scholastic average. He is apparently physically sound, is a good mixer, and takes an occasional drink, but Mr. Smith has never seen applicant unduly under the influence of alcohol. Mr. Smith states he has no reason to suspect applicant of any un-American tendencies or sympathies. Mr. Gump states he became acquainted with applicant at the University of Texas. He stated applicant will take a social drink but he has never known applicant to drink to excess. So far as Mr. Gump knows he has never been in any particular trouble and nothing derogatory concerning him is known. Applicant is believed to be honest and trustworthy, and Mr. Gump has never had any reason to doubt applicant's patriotism to the United States. Mr. Langdon states he became acquainted with applicant at the University of Texas. He stated applicant made average grades in school, spending the major portion of his time in

MISCELLANEOUS (Continued)

various campus activities. He stated applicant was fair-minded, unselfish, industrious, possesses wit and originality. He stated applicant was elected to membership in the Texas Cowboys, an honorary service organization, and also elected to membership in the Friar, an honorary senior men's service organization to which the four outstanding senior students at the University are elected annually. He stated applicant is neat and conservative in his attire, but is juvenile in appearance. He appears frail physically and wears glasses, but it is not believed that he possesses any physical defect which would interfere with his use of firearms. He possesses no radical or un-American tendencies. Mr. Langdon would recommend applicant to become a better than average Agent, provided his personal appearance and physical condition measure up to the standards of the Bureau.

Selective Service Act

Applicant registered for the draft and his order number is 2099. Approximate date of induction about October 1941. Applicant plans to get married but does not intend to claim exemption. He has not received a questionnaire yet and does not know what classification he will be in. In regard to applicant's attitude toward military service, he stated if it gets the United States ready then it's what he wants.

Personal interview with Interviewing Official M. W. Acers Apr. 26, 1941

States applicant has a good personal appearance, approach, and personality; is self-confident; is tactful; answers general questions definitely and quickly; has studied Federal Procedure for Bar examination; appears to be resourceful; appears to have some latent executive ability; and is likely to develop; however, he has not had any investigative experience. Mr. Acers states applicant's features are fine; he is exceptionally alert; mature for his 22 years, sober and serious, although possessed of a well balanced sense of humor. He is a good conversationalist; was at ease at all times during the interview; self-confident; exhibited no signs of nervousness and in general creates a very favorable impression. Mr. Acers states although applicant is only 22 years of age and will not be 23 until October 19, 1941, it is his opinion that applicant is older for his years than many individuals 24 years of age or older. Recommendation - Favorable.

OUTSTANDING ENDORSERS

None.

Applicant's physical report dated April 26, 1941, shows his eyes as normal with and without glasses; color vision normal by Ishihara; and he is recommended for arduous physical exertion.

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REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 8/7/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/6/41	REPORT MADE BY T. C. RAINE
TITLE ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS.			CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Neighborhood investigation favorable. Employed since August 1, 1941, by law firm at Dallas, Texas. Considered industrious and honest. Married and presently residing at home of father-in-law. Former classmates advise nothing derogatory. No police or credit record, Dallas, Texas.

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DETAILS:

This case was re-opened upon receipt of a teletype dated August 5, 1941, from the San Antonio Field Division, advising that the Bureau had requested additional investigation to be submitted on this applicant. The San Antonio Office advised that STRAUSS had been married May 27, 1941, to the daughter of L. L. JACOBS, 4105 DeLoache, Dallas, Texas, and that he was presently residing at that address.

Agent went to the neighborhood of 4105 DeLoache, Dallas, Texas, and noted that in the vicinity of this address all the homes are large estates. Agent attempted to find four or five neighbors, but was advised by gardeners, delivery boys, and others that the neighbors agent attempted to see were on vacations or on extended trips.

MISS NANCY MORRIS, 8503 Armstrong, Dallas, Texas, advised that she knows of the JACOBS family and knows that they are well respected people in the neighborhood. She stated that MR. JACOBS is in the paper business in Dallas and that just recently his daughter, HELEN, married

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BOB STRAUSS, who, she stated, is a very attractive boy, but she is not acquainted with him. She informed that she had heard that STRAUSS had a lot of friends at the University of Texas, and that he mixed well with Jews and Gentiles alike. She stated that MR. FRED CHAMBERS, 4419 Westway, Dallas, Texas, and MR. STANLEY NEELY, 4311 Hall Street, Dallas, Texas, were good friends of STRAUSS and that perhaps they would know more about him.

MRS. P. LINDSEY, 8502 Jourdan Way, Dallas, Texas, advised that she did not know the JACOBS family personally but that she did know that the JACOBS were well to do; that MR. JACOBS had made a barrel of money in the paper business and bears a good reputation. She stated that she had just heard that MR. JACOBS' daughter had been married, but she advised that she did not know whom the daughter married or where he came from.

MRS. F. CHAMBERS, 4419 Westway, Dallas, Texas, advised that she did not know BOB STRAUSS personally but that she has heard her son FREDERICK talk about him quite a bit. She stated that her son had attended school with STRAUSS. MRS. CHAMBERS stated that it had been her understanding that BOB STRAUSS had been employed recently by MR. NORMAN HAMILTON, Dallas, Texas, as a lawyer. She stated that the JACOBS family bears a very good reputation around Dallas, and that after STRAUSS married MISS JACOBS, the JACOBS family had sent the young couple to California on their honeymoon.

FRED CHAMBERS, 4419 Westway, Dallas, Texas, advised that he has known BOB STRAUSS about three years and that they attended law school together. He stated that BOB was very capable and that while in school he took a great part in outside activities, and in this way showed that he would be dependable. CHAMBERS stated that STRAUSS is honest, possesses good moral character, and is a lot of fun to be around. CHAMBERS stated that STRAUSS was not particularly a student but is the type of man who keeps up with current events. CHAMBERS informed that the latter part of the school year practically the whole graduating class of the law school had applied for the position of Special Agent at the San Antonio Field Office, and that he knew that BOB had applied, because they had talked about getting a position a great many times. He stated that BOB expressed the desire to get the job because he thought the work would be interesting and also because of the financial benefit. He stated that BOB has never shown any great concern over the possibility of being drafted, and that he is one hundred percent. American. MR. CHAMBERS advised that while he was not sure of it, he thought that BOB was interested in practicing law, and may have been discouraged about getting a job with the FBI and for that reason accepted a job with MR. NORMAN HAMILTON, a lawyer, in Dallas. CHAMBERS stated that while they were attending school, BOB got along

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with everyone, and while he did drink, he did not drink to excess. CHAMBERS stated that he has seen BOB slightly tight but has never seen him reach the point of real intoxication. CHAMBERS informed that he did not consider BOB the serious type, but if the occasion ever arose, BOB could keep confidential any information coming into his possession.

MR. STANLEY NEELY, 4311 Hall Street, Dallas, Texas, advised that BOB STRAUSS and he had just graduated from Law School, and that BOB is a pretty good friend of his. He stated that he had contact with STRAUSS on the inter-fraternity council at school, and in that way BOB proved he was a good manager, dependable, a good mixer, and possessed of a lot of energy. NEELY stated that STRAUSS probably drinks, but does not drink to excess. He stated that while BOB is a Jewish boy, he has more friends among Gentiles than among Jewish People.

MR. J. G. TURNER of the law firm Hamilton, Harrell, Hamilton, and Turner, Kirby Building, Dallas, Texas, advised that ROBERT STRAUSS had started to work for the firm on August 1, 1941, at a salary of \$60.00 per month. MR. TURNER stated that STRAUSS came highly recommended from his University, and that while he has not had an opportunity to judge him to any large extent, he would say offhand that STRAUSS is a very industrious, hard working, unassuming boy. TURNER stated that he has never tried a case or even made a contract since being employed by the firm. TURNER also stated that STRAUSS did not fill out an application, and that their office contains no record concerning him. TURNER stated that MR. L. L. JACOBS, STRAUSS' father-in-law, is a well-to-do Jewish merchant in Dallas, and has an excellent reputation.

MISS PAULINE GEORGE of the Traffic Bureau, Dallas, Texas, Police Department, advised that she has no record concerning ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS. MR. P. BRANDT, Identification Division of the Dallas Police Department; MR. M. W. ABRANT of the University Park Police Department; and MR. B. D. MEREDITH of the Highland Park Police Department, all advised that they had no record on the applicant.

MR. EDWARD KELLEY of the Retail Merchants Credit Association, Dallas, Texas, advised that he did not have a credit rating or record on ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, but that on July 2, 1941, STRAUSS had been in Dallas for two weeks and had stated he was 22 years old, married, and owned a 1941 Ford. At this time he stated he was not employed. MR. KELLEY advised that MR. L. L. JACOBS is the Vice-President of the Pollack Paper Company, Dallas, Texas, and possesses an excellent credit rating. KELLEY stated that JACOBS is probably worth \$40,000 or \$50,000.

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TITLE ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS			CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT SPECIAL AGENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records at Lockhart and University of Texas reflect applicant born October 18, 1918 at Lockhart, Texas. Applicant attended University of Texas from 1935 to June 2, 1941. Attended Arts and Sciences from 1935 to 1938 with C average, failing four courses; entered Law School September, 1938 and, according to MAX FICHTENBAUM, Assistant Registrar, University of Texas, was awarded law degree by University June 2, 1941. Applicant's father born Nurembourg, Germany; naturalized at Abilene, Texas on Oct. 12, 1939. Mother of applicant repatriated U. S. District Court 3/4/39 at San Antonio. References, ARNO NOWOTNY and ALFRED MELINGER, acquaintances, neighbors recommend applicant as to character, reputation, honesty and loyalty. Mrs. KAT DUNMODY, Chief Clerk, Jones County Local Draft Board #1, advised that applicant's order number was 2099 and that he is classified as 3 A. Applicant arrested Austin for passing stop sign and paid \$3.00 fine. No other criminal record. No credit record at Austin.

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REFERENCE:

Teletype from Bureau dated 5/6/41 and 5/12/41.
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DETAILS: AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS:

ALFRED MELINGER, W. P. A. Public Relations Department, Smith-Young Tower Building, was interviewed and advised that he had known the applicant for seven years; that applicant's family and MELINGER'S family had known each other for many years; that he and the applicant were members of the same fraternity - Sigma Alpha Mu; that applicant was president of this fraternity for one year; 1940. MELINGER stated that applicant's character and reputation were exceptionally good; that he had no vices; no radical tendencies; that he drinks only occasionally; that he is 100 % for America; that he is a normal boy with little higher than average intelligence; that he dresses neatly and conservatively and has a pleasing personality causing him to be well liked on the campus where he belonged to the "Cowboys", which is an honorary club of the outstanding men on the campus who are elected by other campus leaders. Applicant also held offices as Director of the Varsity Circus and was an Inter-Fraternity Counsel Representative. Mr. MELINGER stated that the applicant is engaged to HELEN JACOBS of Dallas, Texas and that he will probably marry upon completing his college work and that he will finish this work in June. Miss JACOBS graduated from the University of Texas in 1940. Applicant's father is the owner of a dry goods store in Stamford, Texas and is fairly well off. Mr. MELINGER'S mother and applicant's mother were both raised in Lockhart, Texas, according to Mr. MELINGER, who further advised that he had acted as a witness when Mrs. STRAUSS was repatriated in the U. S. District Court last year. Mr. MELINGER advised that applicant was a good mixer with both Jewish and Gentiles and that he believes the applicant was the most popular Jewish boy on the campus both with the Jewish and Gentile students and that he was invited to all of the sorority dances on the campus.

Mr. URBAN FARROW, Naturalization Examiner, Bureau of Naturalization, Federal Building, advised that applicant's

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father was naturalized on October 12, 1939 at Abilene, Texas and that his mother was repatriated on March 4, 1939 in the U. S. District Court at San Antonio, Texas. He advised that Mrs. STRAUSS was formerly an American citizen but at the time she married Mr. STRAUSS she automatically lost her citizenship and therefore had to be repatriated. From the naturalization papers it was ascertained that applicant's father formerly went by the name of KARL HANNAH STRAUSS but that he had changed this to CHARLES HANNAH STRAUSS when he became naturalized. These records further disclosed that Mr. STRAUSS arrived in the United States September 11, 1906 at Baltimore, Maryland, on the SS Rhein; that he was of the Hebrew race; that he was a merchant and that he was born September 1, 1884 at Nurembourg, Germany. Applicant's mother's name is EDITH VIOLET STRAUSS. The naturalization papers state that applicant was born October 19, 1918 at Lockhart, Texas. The records indicated that applicant's parents were presently located and living at Stamford, Texas.

Mrs. MAE DUNWODY, Chief Clerk, Jones County Local Draft Board #1, Anderson, Texas advised that applicant's order number is 2099 and that on June 10, 1941 applicant was classified as 3-A by this draft board, due to the fact that he was married on May 27, 1941 and his wife is dependent on him.

AT AUSTIN, TEXAS:

Mr. S. A. PHILQUIST, Chief Clerk, Supreme Court of Texas, advised applicant took February 1941 Bar Examination but that results were not available at the present.

EDUCATION:

Miss MARY JEAN MURRAY, Registrar's Office, University of Texas, advised that applicant entered the Arts and Sciences School September, 1935 to June, 1938; that he did not receive an AB degree. He entered the Law School September, 1938

and graduated June 2, 1941. He also attended summer school 1940, according to Miss MURRAY'S records. Miss MURRAY stated that applicant had failed algebra, which he later repeated and passed with a "D", mathematics of investments, philosophy in logic, and 1 semester of U. S. History which he later repeated and passed.

Miss MURRAY'S records further showed that applicant was born October 19, 1918 at Lockhard, Texas; that his father is C. H. STRAUSS, a merchant at Stamford, Texas; and that applicant graduated from the Stamford High School, dates not given.

Dean V. I. MOORE, Dean of Student Life, University of Texas, was interviewed and advised that applicant was truly a gentleman in every respect; that he was a boy of high moral sense; that he used proper language at all times as far as he knew; that as far as he knew he did not drink liquor; that he did not have any disciplinary record and that he had never borrowed any money from the University. Mr. MOORE stated that he believed applicant is the type of man the FBI wants and that he would not hesitate to recommend him for the job. He further stated that applicant is thoroughly loyal to the United States; is honest, tactful and gets along well with others. Mr. MOORE further advised that applicant was elected Secretary for the Inter-Fraternity Council for one year which is an indication of his popularity among the Gentiles as well as the Jewish men on the campus; that he was also the representative of the four Jewish fraternities on the campus in the inter-fraternity council. Applicant was also elected president of Sigma Alpha Mu, his fraternity, for the fall term of 1940-1941 which is, according to Dean MOORE, an honor because the applicant was not living at the fraternity house at the time. Dean MOORE stated that applicant has been very strong in his attempts to stop hazing during "Hell Week" at the University.

Professor EDWARD W. BAILEY, University Law School, advised that he knew of nothing against the applicant; that he has better than average ability in the class room and that applicant thinks straight; that he, BAILEY, has had several interviews with the applicant in which the applicant asks intelligent questions and was very frank. BAILEY stated that applicant did not have the usual qualities most Jewish boys have and that he has an unquestionably good character and reputation. BAILEY further stated that he did not have any information about applicant's feelings but that he believed he was not pro-German and that he had no left wing tendencies.

Professor EDWARD CRANE, Director of the Legal Aid Clinic and Professor of Legal Ethics and Insurance, advised that his classes were so large that he did not know the applicant personally, but that if the applicant lived with Dean ARNO NOWOTNY he must be a fine fellow.

Miss LUCY M. MOORE, Secretary of the Faculty, Law School, was interviewed and advised that she did not know the applicant personally. She advised, however, that recently the average to graduate was lowered to 65 and that it was formerly necessary to have an average of 70 with the privilege of selecting highest grades. Under the new system all grades are considered. Miss MOORE stated that applicant's average at the time was 67 and that unless he failed in June he would receive his LLB degree June 2, 1941.

PAGE KEETON, Assistant Dean of the Law School, was interviewed and advised that he had known the applicant for 3 years; that he has recently written a letter to the Shell Oil Company recommending the applicant for a position. In the letter he stated that the applicant was quite popular with the students and because of the popularity had engaged in a good many extra-curricular activities which he believed accounted for the applicant's not having a better average. He further stated that the applicant has personality, ability, and that he, the applicant, would make an excellent man. He

also stated applicant was intelligent in the class room and that he would not hesitate to recommend applicant for FBI.

Professor IRA P. HILDEBRAND, Former Dean of the Law School, was interviewed and advised that the applicant was straight forward, was not brilliant but that he was dependable and honest; that he was a little slow in the class room and that he did not know of any bad habits the applicant has. He stated that he did not know him well enough to give any further information.

Dean CHARLES T. McCORMICK, Dean of the University of Texas Law School, advised that he did not know the applicant personally but that the applicant did not have any fail-ures in law school although he was a little below average. Dean McCORMICK stated that applicant would not be allowed to live with ARNO NOWOTNY unless he were a thoroughly honest and loyal American.

NEIGHBORHOOD:

Mrs. O. H. STUGARD, 1604 West Lynn Street, advised that she was the mother of Mrs. ARNO NOWOTNY and that she has known the applicant for about one year; that she knows nothing against him; that he was well-behaved and always a gentleman around the house; that he had a very nice personality; was very unassuming; has a nice appearance; is very friendly and that he keeps his room in an orderly fashion. Mrs. STUGARD stated that she did not believe herself qualified to give any statement regarding applicant's character and reputation or his feelings concerning the present conflict in Europe because she did not know him well enough and only saw him occasionally when she visited the NOWOTNY'S several times during the year.

Mrs. JERF MAYNE, #1 Niles Road, advised that she did not know the applicant but that if he lived with Dean NOWOTNY he must be a fine man, because they keep only the best boys around their house.

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Mrs. E. P. CRAVEN, 1712 Windsor Road, stated that she did not know the applicant and therefore could not give any information about him.

Mrs. RICHARD CRITZ, Miss ELLA NORZ CRITZ and Mrs. J. T. ATKIN, all of 1602 W. Lynn, advised that they did not know the applicant but that he must be a very quiet boy because they have never heard any noise about his residence.

Mrs. ARNO NOWOTNY, St. David's Hospital and 1604 W. Lynn, was interviewed and advised that she knew absolutely nothing against the applicant; that he has the sweetest character, the nicest manners; that if she had a son of her own she would want him to be like ROBERT STRAUSS. She further stated that applicant was never impudent or rude; that she believes he is thoroughly loyal, reliable and honest. Mrs. NOWOTNY stated that she did not know the applicant's family but that she thought they must be very nice because she has always heard that they were well regarded and that everyone called applicant's father "Mr. CHARLEY". She stated that she has never heard the applicant make any statements indicating pro-German feelings; that the applicant was elected Secretary of the Inter-Fraternity Council; that he is invited to all of the Gentile and Jewish Sorority dances; that he does not drink excessively; that he is a careful driver and that she, Mrs. NOWOTNY, allows her young daughter to drive with the applicant. Applicant is planning to be married shortly to a very nice girl, according to Mrs. NOWOTNY.

Mrs. GORDON PULLIAM, 3205 Harris Park Avenue, was interviewed and advised that she did not know the applicant but that she had heard from the lady who owned the house and who was presently in Colorado, that the applicant and his room-mate had kept their room in very nice order; too, that they were neat in all respects.

Mrs. R. D. SIAS, 2207 Bridle Path, was interviewed and advised that she did not know the applicant and that she had lived here only since January, 1940.

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Dr. and Mrs. T. B. BAILEY, 2208 Enfield Road and owners of 2207 Bridle Path, advised that applicant had rented 2207 Bridle Path about 3 years ago; that he was always prompt with his rent and that he had lived there for one semester. Mrs. BAILEY stated that applicant had a pleasing personality and was very likeable and that the neighbors never complained about the boys in the house. She stated that she did not know him well enough to give any statement about his character, reputation or loyalty.

Mr. HERBERT MESINGER and Mr. BERNARD BUDOW, 1914 Nueces and residents of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity House, were interviewed and advised that they were students at the University and were fraternity brothers of the applicant; that the applicant is one of the best liked fellows in the fraternity; that he would graduate this year from the law school; that he was neat, his character and reputation were A-1; that he was liked by the faculty; that the applicant liked sports; is conservative and that he drinks conservatively. They stated further that the applicant was a member of the "Cowboys", highest organization on the campus for boys; that he represented SAM fraternity on the Inter-fraternity Council of which he was secretary; that he was a loyal American; good personality and a hard worker. They further advised that the applicant was chairman of the Varsity Float Committee for the past year.

Mrs. SUDIE COTHAM, 1903 Nueces, advised that the applicant had stayed at this address only one month and that he paid his rent satisfactorily, was neat, honest and had a pleasant personality.

Mrs. DEBA WALKER, 2006 Speedway, advised that she did not know the applicant who had formerly lived at this address. She stated that she had lived at this address since March 1, 1941.

Mr. JAKE FRANKLIN, Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, 1910 Rio Grande, was interviewed and advised that he thought the applicant was the most popular Jewish boy on the campus; that the applicant was elected by the inter-fraternity council to be secretary. He further stated that the applicant has a fine personality, nice appearance and is a loyal American as far as he, FRANKLIN, knows. FRANKLIN further advised that the applicant has a good reputation, and character and that everyone likes him. He is always invited to all the socials of both the sororities and fraternities on the campus. Mr. FRANKLIN advised that he was also a member of the inter-fraternity council and therefore was in a position to know the applicant a little better. FRANKLIN stated that he believed applicant was a good man for the FBI.

Mr. WILLIAM E. PEAVY, JR., President, Delta Sigma Phi, advised that he knew the applicant and that he considered him an honest, loyal trustworthy fellow who would be a hard worker. He stated that applicant has been very popular on the campus with both the Jewish and Gentile student body.

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ARNO NOWOTNY, Assistant Dean of Men, University of Texas, was interviewed and advised that the applicant had lived at his house for the past year; that he has never known a young man who is more of a gentleman and more considerate of others; that he is soft spoken, attractive looking, makes a good approach in an interview, is thoroughly honest, well liked by all students, is not afraid of hard work and studies hard when he is not engaged in his extra-curricular activities. Mr. NOWOTNY stated that applicant had been chairman of the Varsity Carnival this past year and that he had done a wonderful job with the affair and had made a profit of \$1892., which is the most outstanding record of the carnival to date. NOWOTNY further advised that applicant had made a motion before the student council to have every fraternity and sorority member buy one 50¢ ticket to the carnival, which resolution was passed. Applicant was a member of the "Good Fellows", which is the annual Cactus year book award to the most outstanding members of the campus. This honor is the result of an election by the students.

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Dean NOWOTNY further advised that applicant has been picked for the "Walter Mack Award", which is awarded to the most outstanding man in the senior law class who has not already accepted a position. This award is given to men to work one year in various branches of the Pepsi Cola Co. in New York City. The contestants must compete by taking an examination with other selectees from various colleges in the United States. Applicant has not taken this examination to date, according to Dean NOWOTNY.

Dean NOWOTNY advised by phone on August 5, 1941 that applicant was married to the daughter of L. L. JACOBS, Dallas, Texas on May 27, last and that he, the applicant, and his wife are residing there at this time.

CREDIT:

Mr. FRANK KNIGHT, owner of Frank Knight's Service Station, 307 W. 19th St., advised that applicant did not have any credit record at the station and that he had paid cash for all work done on his car.

Mr. STERLING SHEAKE, Retail Merchants Association, advised that his files did not disclose any credit record of the applicant.

CRIMINAL RECORD:

Mr. TOM MONROE advised that he did not have any criminal record on the applicant.

Mr. FRANK BARTLEY, Traffic Court Clerk, advised that applicant had been arrested for passing a stop sign and paid a \$3.00 fine on 4/26/38. BARTLEY advised that parking violations were not made a matter of record.

AT LOCKHART, TEXAS:

Dr. A. A. ROSS, Obstetrician, advised that he had attended applicant's mother at applicant's birth. He advised that he kept a record of this. Miss NELLIE RUTH HUDDLESTON,

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Secretary to Dr. ROSS , produced the records of Dr. ROSS and it was ascertained from the book by Dr. ROSS that applicant was born on Oct. 19, 1918 at Lockhart. He advised that the family was well thought of in the community and had owned a farm near Lockhart.

Mr. H. W. FIELDER, Attorney, Lockhart, advised that applicant's father was a good fellow; that he owned a farm and that he had known the father for about 25 years, and to the best of his knowledge he was a loyal citizen. He stated that he had not seen him in recent years, however.

Mrs. EDNA HUSKEY, Deputy County Clerk, Caldwell County, advised that the county records did not reflect the birth record of the applicant and that it was only in the last several years that such records have been required.

Mr. C. E. McDANNALD, Pharmacist, stated that he remembered the family and that applicant was born in Lockhart but he did not recall the date. He further advised that as far as he knew they were good, honest and loyal citizens and that they had been respected farmers in the community before they left for Stamford.

Mr. A. A. WIEDE, Cashier, First National Bank of Lockhart, advised that he remembered the applicant's father and that he was the owner of a farm at Lockhart. He stated that the bank records did not show any money due by the STRAUSS family. He further advised that he did not know them well enough to give any statement of the character and reputation and loyalty.

Pursuant to Bureau teletype dated August 4, 1941 writer called the local draft board which covers Stamford, Texas; the home of the applicant, and ascertained that applicant's order number was 2099 and that on June 10, 1941 applicant was classified as 3-A by the Jones County Local Draft Board #1 at Anderson, Texas. This information was

SA #67-1208

given by Mrs. MAE DUNWODY, Chief Clerk, Jones County Local Draft Board #1, Anderson, Texas. She advised that applicant was classified as 3-A because he was married on May 27, 1941 and his wife is dependent on him. This telephone conversation took place on August 5, 1941.

Dean ARNO NOWOTNY, University of Texas, advised by phone on this same date, that applicant was married to the daughter of L. L. JACOBS, Dallas, Texas on May 27 last and that he, the applicant, and his wife are residing there at this time.

SA #67-1208

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Will, as requested by teletype dated 8/5/41,
conduct up-to-date neighborhood investigation and ascertain
reputation of all immediate relatives.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

August 8, 1941

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BRIEF OF SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTIGATION

RE: ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS
Special Agent Applicant

Written Rating: 50%
Oral " 60%
Composite " 55%

Age: 22
Married

High School Graduate
LL.B. Degree—University of Texas

Applicant was interviewed and examined in April 1941 at which time Interviewing Official M.W. Acers recommended favorably. A character and fitness investigation was conducted in this case which disclosed the following unfavorable information: Records at the University of Texas reflect applicant failed College Algebra, United States History, Mathematics of Investment, and will graduate in June 1941. Applicant's father was born in Germany. Records clerk, United States District Court, Abilene, Texas, reflect applicant's father received citizenship papers October 12, 1940. Records Lockhart, Texas reflect applicant's father was naturalized October 12, 1939. In personal interview applicant states his father was naturalized in 1938 at San Antonio, Texas. Applicant's mother was repatriated in United States District Court, San Antonio, on March 4, 1939 This brief was marked "List" on May 14, 1941. The following is a summary of the supplemental investigation conducted in this case and also the written report which substantiates the information contained in the teletype brief submitted May 12, 1941 with the exception of that which is included in the following:

EDUCATION

University of Texas, Austin, Texas, 1935 - 1941. LL.B. Degree.

Applicant was awarded his law degree June 2, 1941. Austin report states former classmates advised nothing derogatory.

EXPERIENCE

Worked for father in summers.
father's dry goods store.

Not investigated; however, Mr. Morrow stated he had never heard of applicant being employed except in his

Hamilton, Harrell, Hamilton & Turner, Dallas, Texas, Lawyer, since Aug. 1, 1941.

Considered unassuming, industrious, hard worker. Applicant is married and presently residing at home of father-in-law.

REFERENCES

Frank Morrow, Pres., Stamford State Bank, (see exp.),
Dr. E. P. Bunkley, both
Stamford, Texas

Mr. Morrow stated applicant is a reserved type of person and usually keeps his own council unless requested to speak, but then is not hesitant or backward in his statements, and stated applicant might have a slight inferiority complex, but that this was only a guess.

.....Mr. Alley
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Dr. Bunkley stated that several years ago applicant had his nose fractured and that during last summer he went to a plastic surgeon and had the nose revamped and straightened. He also advised that applicant's father took bankruptcy in either Hamlin or Stamford, Texas. He stated that he is Director in the Stamford State Bank and that applicant's father handled this bankruptcy in such a gentlemanly manner that his credit was not even impaired, stating that he was loaned money by the bank just after taking bankruptcy. He stated he believes that all creditors have been paid off in full. Both references spoke highly of applicant. *Files have no record of the bankruptcy.*

MISCELLANEOUS

Neighborhood investigation of applicant and relatives. Other persons interviewed.

Favorable. Applicant is reported to have married the daughter of L.L. Jacobs, Dallas, Texas, May 27, 1941. Judge Thomas stated applicant's father was educated in Switzerland. He further stated applicant's father had

bankruptcy pushed on him during the depression years. Mr. Gleaton, advertising salesman, advised that even after the bankruptcy, applicant's father apparently retained all of his friends and went ahead making credit purchases from previous creditors and also in borrowing from a local bank. He stated that all these old creditors have been paid off as applicant's father recently showed him some cancelled checks and asserted that all his creditors had been paid in full. Records of the Retail Credit Association, Stamford, reflected nothing concerning the bankruptcy taken by applicant's father. Mr. Chambers, schoolmate, stated he has seen applicant slightly tight but never at the point of real intoxication.

Criminal Record

None.

Selective Service Act

Chief Clerk, Jones County Local Draft Board #1, Anderson, Texas, advises applicant is presently classified as

3A and not likely to be inducted. Applicant's order number is 2099.

OUTSTANDING ENDORSERS

None.

W. R. Glavin
W. R. Glavin

O.G. file 122352 is an investigation by San Antonio, Texas, office of one, Charles H. Strauss, a German Alien, who is reported to have remarked: "the United States is a hypocrite in that the people of the United States, prior to the entry of this country into war, had admired the German Army Officers, but that now all they can see in the German Officers is incompetence and lack of ability." Strauss was reported to be 33 years of age, to have been born in Nurenburg, Bavaria, and landed in New York 1903. He had no naturalization papers. He was married January 26, 1918 to a Miss Schwartz. It is believed that the subject of the O.G. file is identical with applicant's father.



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

August 16, 1941

HC:FW

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GLAVIN

RE: ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS
Special Agent Applicant

Applicant advised that his father, Charles H. Strauss, was born in Nurenburg, Germany, came to the United States when he was very young and was naturalized in 1938. He further stated that his mother's name was Schwarz and that her birthplace was Hempstead, Texas. The applicant's place of birth was Lockhart, Texas.

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Charles H. Strauss was married in San Antonio, Texas, on Jan. 26, 1918. His wife was a Miss Schwartz, whose father is the owner of a drygoods store at Lockhart, Texas. Applicant gives his date of birth as Oct. 19, 1918. It is believed that the subject of the O.G. file is identical with applicant's father.

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Respectfully,
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Harry Carroll

Harry Carroll
SPECIAL AGENT

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, APPLICANT SA. NEIGHBORHOOD FAVORABLE.
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HARRELL, HAMILTON AND TURNER, DALLAS, TEXAS. CONSIDERED UNSASSUMING,
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August 11, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Sir:

Please institute an immediate investigation to determine the following named applicant's character, reputation, ability and qualifications for the position sought;

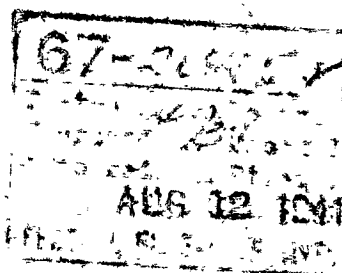
Applicant: Robert Schwarz Strauss
Address: 1604 W. Lynn, Austin, Texas
References and Personal History:

Position: Special Agent

ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION

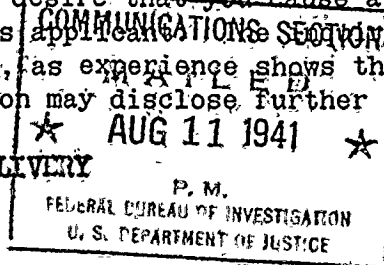
Contact the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, to ascertain if applicant did graduate in June, 1941.

It is requested that a teletype summary of this investigation be submitted to this Bureau not later than Aug. 14, 1941.



I desire that you cause a very complete and thorough investigation to be made of this applicant. References made should not be confined to the references given above, as experience shows they are usually favorable. Anything that your investigation may disclose further than the above references should be reported.

SPECIAL DELIVERY



Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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✓ DIRECTOR

ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL AGENT APPLICANT. CHIEF CLERK, JONES COUNTY LOCAL DRAFT BOARD NUMBER ONE, ANDERSON, TEXAS, ADVISES THAT APPLICANT IS PRESENTLY CLASSIFIED AT THREE A AND NOT LIKELY TO BE INDUCTED. APPLICANTS ORDER NUMBER TWO NAUGHT NINE NINE. APPLICANT PRESENTLY RESIDING DALLAS, TEXAS AND REPORTED TO HAVE MARRIED DAUGHTER OF L. L. JACOBS, DALLAS, TEXAS, MAY TWENTYSEVENTH, LAST. DALLAS FIELD DIVISION HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT UPTODATE NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AND TO ASCERTAIN REPUTATION OF AL L IMMEDIATE RELATIVES.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL AGENT APPLICANT. MAX FICHTENBAUM
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, ADVISED APPLICANT AWARDED
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December 5, 1941

Mr. Robert S. Strauss
c/o Westchester Apartments
4721 Bowser
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Strauss:

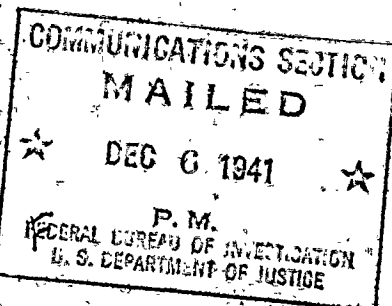
Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated November 18, 1941, relative to your application for appointment to the position of Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I regret that no encouragement can be offered you at this time relative to favorable action being taken on your application. However, your case will be given consideration in the event it is possible to utilize your services at some future date.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

11-18-41

Dear Sir;

I write this letter in regard to my application filed with your Department for the position of Special Investigator -

Since I filed my application I have been in your San Antonio office for personal interview, written examination, and a physical examination. I have also been led to believe that an investigation was made of my background.

I should like very much to know if there still exists a possibility of an appointment, or if my application has been rejected, if such information is possible.

Assuring you of my sincere appreciation of your trouble in this matter, and trusting

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forward, I remain,

Very sincerely,
Robert S. Strauss

4721 Bowser
Dallas, Texas
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 10, 1941

Transmit the following message to:

ROBERT S. STRAUSS
4721 BOWSER
DALLAS, TEXAS

REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM DECEMBER EIGHTH, AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED NO
ENCOURAGEMENT CAN BE OFFERED AT THIS TIME RELATIVE FAVORABLE ACTION
BEING TAKEN YOUR CASE. APPLICATION ON FILE FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE
CONSIDERATION.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

COLLECT VIA WESTERN UNION

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REGARDING MY APPLICATION FILED IN YOUR SANANTONIO OFFICE ON
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Mr. Robert Schwarz Strauss
Stamford, Texas

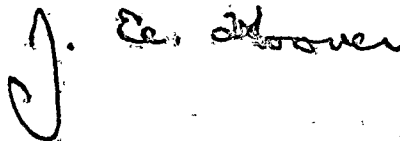
Dear Mr. Strauss:

Reference is made to your application on file in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, for appointment to the position of Special Agent.

In this connection, it is desired that you submit a report on your present physical condition. For this purpose you should consult a reputable local physician, submitting the enclosed form for his attention.

This report should be forwarded to the Bureau not later than December 29, 1941.

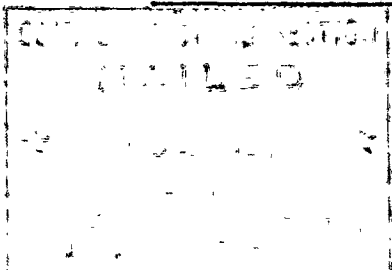
Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

AIR MAIL-SPECIAL DELIVERY



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January 3, 1942

Honorable Tom Connally
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of December 23, 1941, concerning the application of Mr. Robert S. Straus of Dallas, Texas, who is desirous of being further considered for appointment to the position of Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

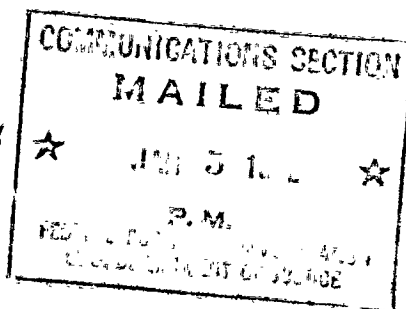
During Mr. Straus' recent visit to Washington, D. C. he was afforded a reexamination in connection with his application and at the present time his application is in an active status and will be given consideration as additional appointments are made in this service. I am sorry I cannot advise you more definitely concerning his application at this time.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

December 20, 1941

Honorable John Edgar Hoover
 Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Department of Justice
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing you in behalf of Honorable Robert S. Strauss, 4721 Bowser, Dallas, Texas, who is making application for a position with your Bureau.

Mr. Strauss is endorsed by his Congressman, and I desire to join with Mr. Sumners in expressing the hope that you may be able to place him in a suitable capacity with your Bureau in the near future. His application will set forth in detail his qualifications and experience for the position he desires.

Sincerely,

Tom Connally

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

(Authorized by Executive Order of September 4, 1924)

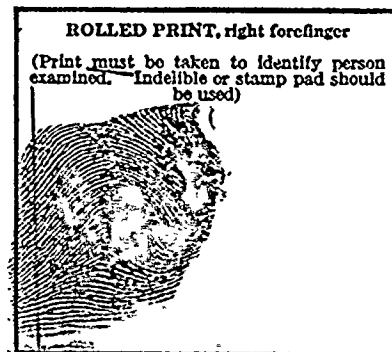
APPLICANT MUST FILL IN DOTTED LINES BELOW TO HEAVY LINE

Robert L. Strauss
(Name)
4721 Bonser Dallas, Texas
(Post-office address)
Male Oct. 19, 1918
(Sex) (Date of birth)

Federal Bureau of Investigation
(Title of examination taken)
(Department and bureau in which you are to be employed)

(City or town in which you are to be employed)

1. Have you any physical defect or disease or disability whatsoever? No
2. If answer is "yes" give details _____



PHYSICIAN SHOULD FILL IN THE FOLLOWING

71 inches. * 163 pounds. 155 1/2 pounds. { Males, with and without clothing; females, clothed, but without wrap or hat.
(Height, without shoes) (Weight, in clothing) (Weight, without clothing)

*To be taken for males only upon special written request of the official ordering examination.

Items checked (✓) were examined and found normal. Deviations from normal are noted. (See instructions on reverse side, numbered to correspond with items below.)

- ✓ 1. Eyes: Distant vision: Without glasses: Right: 20 Left: 20 With glasses if worn: Right: 20 Left: 20

Near vision:

What is the longest and the shortest distance at which the following specimens of Jaeger No. 1 and Jaeger No. 2 can be read by the applicant? If No. 1 is read with ease, No. 2 need not be given. Test each eye separately.

With the view of promoting health and efficiency and of minimizing accidents among Federal employees, the heads of the several executive departments and independent establishments having a medical personnel are directed to make such physical examination of applicants for (Jaeger No. 1) and employees in the Federal classified service as may be requested by the Civil Service Commission or its authorized representative.

This order will supplement the Executive orders of May 29 and June 18, 1923 (Executive order, September 4, 1924). (Jaeger No. 2)

Without glasses:

R. 3 1/2 in. to 28 in.
L. 3 1/2 in. to 28 in.

With glasses, if used:

R. not worn in. to not worn in.
L. not worn in. to not worn in.

Without glasses:

R. not worn in. to not worn in.
L. not worn in. to not worn in.

With glasses, if used:

R. not worn in. to not worn in.
L. not worn in. to not worn in.

Evidence of disease or injury: Right no Left noColor vision normal Method of testing color vision Color Chart

- ✓ 2. Ears: (Consider denominators indicated here as normal. Record as numerators the actual distance heard.) Ordinary conversation: Right ear—20 ft. Left ear—20 ft. Evidence of disease or injury: Right ear no Left ear no

✓ 3. Nose, sinus disease, etc. no no dysfunction✓ 4. Mouth and throat no ulcers✓ 5. Gastro-intestinal no tenderness, no operative scars✓ 6. Thyroid (especially in women) no tumor, no tumor

✓ 7. Heart and blood vessels

Is organic heart disease present? no If organic heart disease is present, is it fully compensated? _____✓ 8. Lungs: Right normal Left normalHistory of tuberculosis? no If so, has the disease been arrested for at least 1 year? _____✓ 9. Hernia no

(If present, name variety: inguinal, ventral, femoral, etc.; read definition on reverse before answering)

If present, is it supported by a well-fitting truss? _____

✓ 10. Varicose veins no (If present, state location and degree)Varicocele (see note 10 on reverse side) no✓ 11. Feet: Is flat foot present? no Degree of impairment of function _____

✓ 12. Deformities, atrophies, and other abnormalities, diseases, or defects not included above (None, slight, moderate, severe)

none✓ 13. Scars of serious injury or disease no✓ 14. Nervous system (see note 14 on reverse side) normal✓ 15. (a) Urinalysis (see reverse side) not required (b) Venereal disease no

✓ 16. Obtain from applicant statement of disabilities, past and present, give diagnosis and your comments under appropriate heading above or under "Remarks" on back of this sheet.

✓ 17. Does Veterans Administration recognize service-connected disability in this case? no If "yes," cover in your comments.

This certificate is to be returned to the official of the U. S. Civil Service Commission requesting the examination

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The aim of the Executive order of September 4, 1924, under which this examination is made, is to obtain information as to the physical condition of appointees to the classified civil service with a view to promoting efficiency and minimizing accidents and claims under United States employees' compensation laws.

Notes for Examining Physician

WEIGHT.—Males, without clothing, and also in ordinary clothing without overcoat or hat (weigh twice); females, clothed, but without wrap or hat. If overweight, state whether due to bone and muscle or to fat.

HEIGHT.—Without boots or shoes; observe that no appliances are used to increase.

The examination should include the following observations:

1. **Eyes.**—Ptosis; discharge; corneal scar; pterygium. In recording distant vision consider 20 feet as normal and report all vision as a fraction with 20 feet as numerator and the smallest type read at 20 feet as denominator. If glasses are used, record for each eye the finding with and without glasses. Near vision must be reported. In testing vision without glasses the applicant or appointee should be instructed to remove the glasses at least one-half hour before testing uncorrected vision.

2. **Ears.**—Evidence of middle ear or mastoid disease; condition of drums; discharge. In recording hearing, record 20 feet as normal distance for conversational voice and record deviation from normal as fraction with 20 as denominator and actual distance as numerator.

3. **Nose.**—Ability to blow through each nostril. If free, a speculum examination would not be indicated.

4. **Mouth and throat.**—Missing teeth; pyorrhea; tonsils, hypertrophy or disease.

5. **Gastro-intestinal.**—Ulcers, inflammations, etc.

6. **Thyroid.**—Presence of tumor in neck and tremor, exophthalmos; nervous high-strung disposition, especially in women.

7. **Heart.**—Murmurs. State whether functional or organic. If valvular disease exists, state whether or not it is fully compensated. Arteriosclerosis.

8. **Lungs.**—It is necessary that the auscultatory cough be used. If tuberculosis is present, state whether active or arrested; if arrested, state your opinion as to how long it has been quiescent. Sputum to be examined for tubercle bacilli in all suspected cases.

9. **Hernia.**—Give details as to size, location, etc., and whether well-fitting truss is worn. Inguinal hernia exists when ring is enlarged and on coughing visceral impulse is felt which follows the finger on withdrawal.

10. **Varicocele.**—If varicocele is present, state approximate size—e. g., size of walnut, lemon, etc.

11. **Flat foot** of such a nature as to incapacitate or become aggravated by work or be alleged later to have been caused by accident or occupation. By "flat foot," as used in this form, is meant a weak foot with impaired function, the term being equivalent to "fallen or misplaced arch," an abnormal condition. Impairment of function is the point to be noted. An anatomically flat foot, but strong, is not disqualifying.

12 and 13. **Scars, deformities, atrophies, and paralyses** should be noted, but it is not important that small insignificant scars or blemishes which might be referred to as marks of identification be recorded.

14. This entry should include symptoms and full history of any mental or nervous abnormality.

15. **Urinalysis** to be made in case of persons over 40, and in all cases where arteriosclerosis, nephritis, or diabetes is suspected.

Record of urinalysis, if made: Sp. gr. Albumen Sugar Casts
Blood pressure: Mm. Hg. systolic Mm. Hg. diastolic
If tachycardia is present, give pulse rate: Sitting Immediately after exercise Two minutes after exercise Cardiac reserve
(Good, fair, or poor)

I have found this applicant abnormal under the following headings: NONE

In my opinion, applicant is capable of performing duties involving arduous physical exertion.
(Arduous, moderate, or light)

REMARKS:

(Signature of applicant)

Robert S. Strauss
(This space to be filled in as a matter of identification, by the applicant in own hand writing, and in ink, in the presence of the physician)

Sales Tax

(Place of examination)

December 26, 1941

(Date of examination)

The examining physician must be in the Federal service

(Signature of examining physician)

Frank Brown, M. D.
Full time? Part time? Fee paid?
JAN 1 1942
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE
NEW YORK OFFICE

The personnel officer should fill in the blanks below before sending this form to the Commission for action

To be appointed in
(Department) (Bureau)

Title of position

Type of appointment (check): ☐ Original appointment ☐ Transfer ☐ Reinstatement ☐ Classification

Number of certificate upon which applicant's name appears (to be given in case of original appointment)

HAMILTON, HARRELL, HAMILTON & TURNER

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW

1104-06 KIRBY BUILDING

DALLAS, TEXAS

WILLIAM B. HAMILTON
MORRIS HARRELL
NORMAN HAMILTON
J. GLENN TURNER
GILBERT P. HOWARD
ROBERT S. STRAUSS

December 26th 1941

Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find report on my present physical condition as requested in your letter of December 22nd 1941. I trust it will be satisfactory.

To supplement any information which you may have in my regard, I might add that I am now living in Dallas, Texas, at 4721 Bowser, having moved from Stamford, Texas. I should also like to say that I spoke to my local Draft Board on December 24th 1941, at which time they informed me that my present classification of 3-A would not be up for reclassification before ninety days, if then.

Trusting this will be of some use to you, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Robert S. Strauss
Robert S. Strauss

RSS:H

Enclosure

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. **67-1216**

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 12-27-41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/22;23;24/41	REPORT MADE BY G. H. ASDELL
TITLE ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS			CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT - Special Agent

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant's father highly regarded by Local citizens, businessmen and police in Stamford, Texas. He is outspoken in appreciation of democracy and appears decidedly anti-Axis. Employer of applicant recommends, neighborhood favorable. Credit record in Dallas very satisfactory. No criminal record, Dallas, Texas

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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent E. C. DORRIS, Dallas, Texas, dated May 11, 1941.

Teletype from Bureau to Dallas Field Division dated December 20, 1941.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. M. RANKIN, on December 24, 1941, at Stamford, Texas:

The following people in Stamford, Texas were interviewed in the reference report and were reinterviewed by the writer for the specific purpose of determining the reputation and nationalistic tendencies of the applicant's father Mr. CHARLES H. STRAUSS.

Mr. J. R. GLEATON, Advertising Salesman of the Stamford American, stated that he had known the applicant's father for over seven years and had no knowledge of his ever having had, or having at present, any pro-German tendencies whatsoever. On the contrary, he considers him to be very anti-Nazi and to hate the present German system passionately. Mr. STRAUSS

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">34</div>	
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has relatives who have been persecuted in Germany but who have been able to reach America and he has other remote relatives still within Germany. Mr. GLEATON advised that during the last War, Mr STRAUSS was stationed in Texas and although not physically fit to enter the Army, had offered his services as an interpreter.

Mrs. J. R. GLEATON, Manager of Retail Merchants Association, advised that she had just recently completed a credit report on Mr. STRAUSS which had been very favorable, but stated that she had no information to give concerning his personal attitude toward the Germany government.

Mr. IRVING MOUDY, Manager of a grocery store in Stamford, Texas, and a neighbor of Mr. STRAUSS, stated that he had known Mr. STRAUSS both here at Stamford and also when he lived in Hamlin, Texas. Mr. STRAUSS is known to him to be very anti-German and at times quite profane toward those people who make un-American statements. Mr. STRAUSS has a brother-in-law, Mr. LOUIS ROSENWASSER, also presently residing in Stamford, who shares his views toward the home country.

Mr. TOM UPSHAW, President of the First National Bank, Stamford, Texas, stated that he regarded Mr. STRAUSS as 100% American.

Mr. FRANK E. MORROW, President of Stamford State Bank, and Mr. WILLIE GUSTAF SWENSON, President of the Swenson Land Loan Company, both advised that they knew the applicant's father personally and felt him to be very loyal and absolutely anti-German.

The following people residing at Stamford, Texas, were interviewed and stated that from their personal knowledge of Mr. STRAUSS felt that he was sincere in his patriotism to this country and in his violent and sometimes profane hatred of the German and Axis Regime:

CLAUDE BUNKLEY, Manager, Bunkley Drug Company.
Mrs. TERESA GEER and Mrs. J. G. SLOAN, 911 East Wells Street, neighbors.
Mrs. JACK FUQUA, 909 East Wells, a neighbor.
Mrs. JOE ELLIOT, 901 East Wells, a neighbor.
Mr. A. M. OTTINGER, Manager of the local office of Western Union.

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Mr. G. G. FLOURNEY, Chief of Police, Stamford, Texas, advised that he knew the applicant's father, Mr. CHARLES H. STRAUSS, very well; that Mr. STRAUSS was violently opposed to the principles of the present German regime and was quite out-spoken in regard to this. Mr. FLOURNEY felt that Mr. STRAUSS was sincere in his attitude and admired him for the attitude he had taken. He further stated that Mr. STRAUSS was active in discussing with him the un-American tendencies of other people residing in their community and had at times furnished valuable information.

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The remainder of the investigation was conducted by the reporting agent at Dallas, Texas, on December 22, 23, and 24th, 1941.

Mr. NORMAN HAMILTON of the law firm of HAMILTON, HARRELL, HAMILTON, & TURNER, stated that ROBERT STRAUSS had begun working for them in either July or August of 1941; that he had finished law school in the University of Texas. HAMILTON advised that he had received a letter of recommendation from ARNO NOWOTNY, Dean of Men, who is a mutual friend of Mr. HAMILTON. He recommended ROBERT STRAUSS very highly. Mr. HAMILTON further stated that STRAUSS was brilliant, intelligent, alert young man and that their firm liked him very much. He advised that STRAUSS had the makings of a good lawyer; that he has had practically no trial experience as his work to date has consisted mostly of drawing contracts and research in the library. He stated that STRAUSS is a willing worker and a good employee. He advised that STRAUSS is exceedingly patriotic and that he knew that the applicant did not belong to any subversive organizations. He stated that the applicant has a good appearance, well polished and very energetic. He stated that the applicant had done everything called upon to do and was absolutely trustworthy. Mr. HAMILTON went on to say that STRAUSS was married when he came to work for him to a girl named JACOBS, and Mr. HAMILTON has known her father for some years. He advised that they were well-to-do Jewish people of good family.

Mr. HAMILTON knew of nothing derogatory concerning the applicant and it was his opinion that he would make a good employee for the Bureau.

NEIGHBORHOOD

Mrs. L. E. JARVIS, Manager of the Westchester Apartments, 4721 Browser Street, Dallas, Texas, stated that the applicant and his wife have parties but they were not especially noisy and not any worse than any of the rest of her tenants. She has had no real complaint concerning this

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couple; that they paid their rent every time but sometimes had to be reminded once or twice. However, she believes that it is due more to forgetfulness than for any desire to fail to pay, as they have been married only a short time and hadn't fully realized the importance of being prompt with her rent.

Mrs. C. K. BURROUGHS, resident of Apartment 26, advised that although she knew applicant and his wife only slightly, they seemed to be a nice young couple and that he seemed to have a wonderful personality.

Mrs. JOHN PHILLIP MANTON, wife of Special Agent MANTON, who resides in Apartment 27, directly under that of the applicant, states that they are nice neighbors; that she has never heard any wild parties since they have been there; that they were somewhat noisy at times but probably no more so than the average young couple.

Special Agent JOHN PHILLIP MANTON advises that their visitors appear to be high class people; that they visited frequently with the Brides parents and Mr. JACOBS' car often calls for Mrs. STRAUSS.

CRIMINAL RECORD

Miss PAULINE GEORGE of the Identification Division, Dallas Police Department, advised that there was no record on the applicant in her files.

Mr. PAUL BRANDT of the Identification Bureau, Dallas Police Department, advises there was no record on the applicant in his files.

LOUIS H. WARD of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office, advises there was no record in his files on the applicant.

ELMER NEWMAN, University Park Police Department, advised he had no record on the applicant.

Mr. MCCARTHY of the Highland Park Police Department, advised that he had no record on the applicant.

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Mr. EDWARD KELLY of the Retail Merchant's Credit Association, advised that STRAUSS has been living here since May of 1941, that he came here from Stamford, Texas. He was married in October or November to HELEN JACOBS of this city. His credit record is very satisfactory.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION -
TO THE
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

DAL: HED

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 20, 1941

To: The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States
Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Interviewing Official: D. A. Ladenberger

Interview date: 12-15-41

Name of Applicant: Robert S. Strauss

Position: Special Agent

Exam. Re-Exam.

Age: 23

Education and degrees:

Oral: ~~75%~~ 73%

Marital Status:

LL.B - Texas, 1941

Written: 55

Married

Composite: 64% mpe,

1. GENERAL IMPRESSIONS OF APPLICANT:

Strauss is 23, married, and a graduate of the University of Texas Law School. He is acquainted with Special Agents Walter Pope, James Langdon, and Richard Gump. Applicant has been classified in 3-A by his local draft board at Stamford, Texas. Applicant's father is a proprietor of a general merchandise store. "This applicant is a young man of small stature and dark complexion. He is alert, well poised, and impresses me as being intelligent. I gave him several hypothetical investigative situations and he handled them in a manner which impressed me that he is level-headed and possessed of good common sense." I explained to him the necessity for dangerous assignments, that he would be subject to transfer at any time in the event he were selected as an agent. The situation regarding hours of employment were explained to him in detail. This applicant impressed me as competent to do our job and my recommendation is favorable. Applicant advised that his father, Charles H. Strauss, was born in Germany and was naturalized in San Antonio, Texas, a few years ago. It would appear that he had lived in the country a long time without taking steps toward naturalization. This item will bear detailed investigation, but otherwise my recommendation is definitely favorable.

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2. Do you consider the Applicant qualified for the appointment he seeks and, if appointed, do you believe he would develop into better than an average employee? Yes

3. SELECTIVE SERVICE INFORMATION: Stamford, Texas

- A. Has applicant registered? Yes / . If so, what
B. Approximate date of induction?
C. Does applicant intend to claim exemption?
If so, what deferment classification?
D. What is applicant's attitude toward military service?

Satisfactory

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4. PERSONAL APPEARANCE:

5. A. PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND APPROACH: Excellent. Good. Fair. Poor.

B. DRESS: Neat. Flashy. Poor. Untidy.

C. FEATURES: Refined. Ordinary. Coarse. Dissipated.

D. PHYSICAL DEFECTS, if any:

None - Wears reading glasses

8. CONDUCT DURING INTERVIEW:

10. A. PERSONALITY: Excellent. Good. Fair. Average. Poor.

B. POISE: Well-poised. Steady. Temperamental. Average.

C. SPEECH: Average. Reticent. Talkative. Boastful.

10. D. ASSURANCE: Self-confident. Fair. Over-confident. Lacking.

E. NERVOUSNESS: None. Slight. Very nervous.

10. F. FOREIGN ACCENT: None. Slight. Noticeable.

10. G. TACT: Tactful. Average. Lacking.

6. GENERAL INTELLIGENCE:

10. A. Answers general questions definitely. Quickly. Vaguely.

10. B. Has applicant studied Federal Procedure? No

10. C. Any investigative experience? If so, describe none

10. D. Does the Applicant appear to be resourceful? yes

10. E. Does the Applicant appear to have executive ability? yes

10. F. Is he likely to develop? yes

7. GENERAL INFORMATION:

A. What is his ultimate goal in life, aside from his desire to be connected with the FBI? To do some good.

B. What are his recreations and tastes?

Tennis - handball

8. HEALTH RECORD:

Good

9. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSONS TO WHOM INDEBTED:

none.

10. CITIZENSHIP OF APPLICANT, WIFE AND PARENTS: (IF NATURALIZED, DATE AND PLACE). Father, Charles H. Strauss, born in Germany, naturalized in San Antonio, Texas a few years ago

11. ORGANIZATIONS, CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ETC: (INDICATE NATURE, PURPOSE AND LOCATION).

12. ARREST RECORD (INDICATE CHARGE, DATE, PLACE, DISPOSITION) OF APPLICANT AND RELATIVES:

none

13. RESIDENCE ADDRESSES DURING PAST FIVE YEARS:

Stamford, Texas

Austin, Texas

4721 Bowser Street, Dallas Texas

14. TIME CONSUMED IN PERSONAL INTERVIEW:

30 minutes


Interviewing Official

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Local Board No. 1 85

Jones County 253

December 24, 1941 001

Court house

Anson, Texas

(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

Director,
Federal Bureau Of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Re: 2099-Robert Schwartz Strauss

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the above named registrant
is now classified III-A, and he will not be reclassified for
ninety days, which will be March 24, 1942.

Jones County Local Board,

By:

J. D. Perkins

Member

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cc/
D.C. Gustafson,
Special Agent
F.B.I.
San Antonio, Texas.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Carson.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Holloman.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

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DIRECTOR

CORE. ROBERT S. STRAUSS, SA APPLICANT. LOCAL BOARD NUMBER ONE
ANDERSON ADVISES APPLICANT NOW CLASSIFIED THREE A AND WILL NOT BE
RECLASSIFIED UNTIL NINETY DAYS WHICH WILL XXXX WHICH WILL BE MARCH
TWENTY FOUR NINETEEN FORTY TWO. FATHER HAS NOT RESIDED LOCKHART FOR
PAST TWELVE YEARS. INVESTIGATION OF FATHERS PAST RESIDENCE AND
REPUTATION PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CURRENT INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED
BY DALLAS AT STAMFORD. APPLICANT HAS NOT RESIDED THIS FIELD DIVISION
SINCE LAST INVESTIGATION REPORTING CREDIT CRIMINAL AND NEIGHBORHOOD
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SUMMARY BRIEF OF INVESTIGATION

HMB
67-204852

RE: ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS
Special Agent Applicant

	SA	SA
	4/41	12/41
Written Rating:	50%	55%
Oral " :	60%	73%
Composite " :	55%	64%

Age: 23
Married

LL.B.-University of Texas
Member Texas Bar

EDUCATION

Stamford High School, Stamford,
Texas, 1931-1935, Grad.

Records reflect applicant graduated with average grades.

University of Texas, Austin, Texas,
1935-1941, LL.B. degree.

Records reflect applicant attended summer school of 1940;
that he failed algebra, which he later repeated and
passed with a D; he also failed mathematics of invest-

ments, philosophy in logic, and 1 semester of U.S. History which he later repeated and passed. Mr. Moore, Dean of Student Life, stated he believed applicant is the type of man the FBI wants and he would not hesitate to recommend him; that applicant is thoroughly loyal to the United States; is honest, tactful and gets along well with others. Professor Hildebrand, former Dean of Law School, advised applicant was not brilliant but he was dependable and honest and was a little slow in the class room. Dean McCormick, Law School, advised applicant had no failures in law school although he was a little below average. He stated applicant would not have been allowed to live with Dean Arno Nowotny unless he were a thoroughly honest and loyal American.

Took Texas Bar Exam February 1941.

Licensed to practice law July 28, 1941.

EXPERIENCE

Worked for father in summers.

Mr. Morrow, reference, stated he had never heard of applicant being employed except in his father's dry goods store.

Hamilton, Harrell, Hamilton &
Turner, Dallas, Texas, lawyer,
since Aug. 1, 1941.

Mr. Normal Hamilton, member of firm, stated applicant was a brilliant, intelligent, alert young man and that their firm liked him very much; that he had the makings of a good lawyer; that he has had practically no trial experience as his work to date has consisted mostly of drawing contracts and research in the library; that applicant is a willing worker and a good employee.

REFERENCES

Dr. E. P. Bunkley,
Frank Morrow, both Stamford, Texas
(Mr. Morrow, PresiStamford Bank)

Speak highly of applicant. Mr. Morrow stated applicant is a reserved type of person and usually keeps his own council unless requested to speak, but then is not

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.....Mrs. Atkinson
.....Miss Guigon
.....Mrs. Jacobs
.....Mrs. Wackerman
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<p>Arno Nowotny, Asst. Dean of Men, Univ. of Texas, Alfred Melinger, WPA, Public Relations Dept., both Austin, Tex. Leslie L. Jacobs, Vice-Pres., Pollock Paper & Box Co., Dallas, Tex.</p>	<p>hesitant or backward in his statements, and stated applicant might have a slight inferiority complex, but that this was only a guess. Mr. Morrow has only the highest regard for applicant and his family and states he knows they are loyal American people. Dr. Bunkley stated that several years ago applicant had his nose fractured and that during last summer he went to a plastic surgeon and had the nose revamped and straightened. He also advised that applicant's father took bankruptcy in either Hamlin or Stamford, Texas. He stated that he is a director in the Stamford State Bank and that applicant's father handled this bankruptcy in such a gentlemanly manner that his credit was not even impaired, stating that he was loaned money by the bank just after taking bankruptcy. He stated he believes that all creditors have been paid off in full. (Files have no record of the bankruptcy.) Mr. Jacobs emphasized the fact that he wished to unqualifiedly recommend the applicant for the position of Special Agent with the FBI. With regard to applicant's loyalty to this country Jacobs said that applicant's family was of good American stock and the boy himself was a loyal American citizen, with no radical tendencies or subversive ideas.</p>
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MEMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS

Sigma Alpha Mu; Cowboys; Austin Traffic Safety Council; Friar; Inter-Fraternity Council.

RELATIVES IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

None

MISCELLANEOUS

O.G. file 122352 is an investigation by San Antonio, Texas, Office of one, Charles H. Strauss, a German Alien, who is reported to have remarked: "the United States is a hypocrite in that they people of the United States, prior to the entry of this country into war, had admired the German Army Officers, but that now all they can see in the German Officers is incompetence and lack of ability." Strauss was reported to be 33 years of age, to have been born in Nuremburg, Bavaria, and landed in New York 1903. He had no naturalization papers. He was married January 26, 1918 to a Miss Schwartz. It is believed that the subject of the O.G. file is identical with applicant's father. Because of this, particular stress was placed upon the loyalty of the applicant and his family, and supplemental investigations were conducted at various cities.

Neighborhood investigation
of applicant and relatives.
Other persons interviewed.

Favorable. Judge Thomas, postmaster, Stamford, Texas, stated he considers applicant one of the town's best boys and possibly one of the most promising; that applicant's father was born in Germany, educated in Switzerland

and came to the United States many years ago; that applicant's father, whose true name is Karl H. Strauss, secured his citizenship papers at Abilene, Texas. Mr. Thomas further stated that applicant and his family were strictly true-blooded Americans, hating all "Isms". Mr. Gleaton, advertising salesman, Stamford, stated that even after the bankruptcy applicant's father apparently retained all of his friends and went ahead making credit purchases from previous creditors and also in borrowing from a local bank. He stated that all these old creditors have been paid off as applicant's father recently showed him some cancelled checks and asserted that all his creditors had been paid in full. Records of the Retail Credit Association reflected nothing concerning the bankruptcy taken by applicant's father. Mr. Chambers, schoolmate, stated he has seen applicant slightly tight but never at the point of real intoxication. Mrs. Nowotny, former landlady, Austin, Texas, stated she has never heard

MISCELLANEOUS (cont'd.)

applicant make any statements indicating pro-German feelings. Mr. Fielder, attorney and Mr. McDannal, pharmacist, both Lockhart, Texas, stated applicant and his family were loyal citizens. In subsequent interview, Mr. Gleaton, above, stated he has known applicant's father for over 7 years and had no knowledge of his ever having had, or having at present, any pro-German tendencies whatsoever; on the contrary, he considers him to be very anti-Nazi and to hate the present German system passionately. Mr. Strauss has relatives who have been persecuted in Germany but who have been able to reach America and he has other remote relatives still within Germany. Mr. Gleaton advised that during the last war, applicant's father was stationed in Texas and although not physically fit to enter the Army, had offered his service as an interpreter. Mr. Moudy, Manager of a grocery store, Stamford and a neighbor, stated applicant's father is known to him to be very anti-German and at times quite profane toward those people who make un-American statements. Applicant's father has a brother-in-law, Mr. Louis Rosenwasser, also residing in Stamford, who shares his views toward the home country. Mr. Upshaw, President of First National Bank; and Mr. Swenson, President of Swenson Land Loan Company, both Stamford, stated applicant's father is regarded as 100% American. Mr. Bunkley, manager, Bunkley Drug Company, Mrs. Geer, Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. Fuqua, Mrs. Elliot, all neighbors, and Mr. Ottinger, manager of Western Union Office, stated applicant's father was sincere in his patriotism to this country and in his violent and sometimes profane hatred of the German and Axis Regime. Chief of Police Flourney, Stamford, advised applicant's father was violently opposed to the principles of the present German regime and was quite out-spoken in regard to this. He further stated that applicant's father was active in discussing with him the un-American tendencies of other people residing in their community and had at times furnished valuable information. Mrs. Jarvis, manager, Westchester Apartments, stated applicant and his wife paid their rent every time but sometimes had to be reminded once or twice; however, she believes that it is due more to forgetfulness than for any desire to fail to pay. Special Agent John Phillip Manton, who resides in apartment 27, stated that the visitors of applicant and his wife appear to be high class people. Mrs. Manton stated they were somewhat noisy at times but probably no more so than the average young couple.

Born Octo. 19, 1918, Lockhart, Texas. Verified by birth records. Applicant's father was born in Germany. Records clerk, United States District Court, Abilene, Texas, reflect applicant's father received citizenship papers October 12, 1939; that he formerly went by the name of Karl Hannah Strauss but changed this to Charles Hannah Strauss when he became naturalized. Applicant's mother was repatriated in United States District Court, San Antonio on March 4, 1939. In personal interview applicant stated his father was naturalized in 1938. No un-American sympathies were disclosed during the investigation.

Languages	None
Criminal Record: Parking Ticket, Austin, Texas, no dates given.	Applicant arrested Austin for passing stop sign fined \$3, which he paid.
Indebtedness: Stamford State Bank, Stamford Texas, for auto, \$740.	President believes loan will be paid by applicant at maturity. Previous loans paid promptly.
Credit Rating	Very satisfactory.
Selective Service Act	Local Board #1, Anderson advises applicant now classified 3-A and will not be reclassified until 90 days which will be March 24, 1942. His attitude toward military service is satisfactory.

MISCELLANEOUS (cont'd.)

Acquainted with SA's Richard A. Gump, J. Burleson Smith, Alvin R. Martin, James C. Langdon and Walter S. Pope, Jr.

Agent Martin states he became acquainted with applicant at the University of Texas, where applicant displayed ability as a leader and his dependability and good judgment soon brought him recognition as an outstanding campus leader in politics and intra-mural supports. He s

stated applicant was never an outstanding student in Law School; but he believed applicant's failure to excel in this regard is attributed to his wide diversity in interests and not to any lack of intelligence on applicant's part. Applicant is very clean in his personal habits neat in his dress and always presents a good appearance. His personality is very pleasing, his character excellent and his conduct on the conservative side in all things. To Agent Martin's knowledge applicant has never been involved in anything reflecting discredit upon him and has never exhibited any indication of un-American sympathies. Agent Smith states he became acquainted with applicant at the University of Texas Law School; that applicant was active in campus activities, and was known to be an untiring worker, thoroughly reliable, and extremely conscientious. He stated applicant was regarded highly by other students on the campus and was very popular both in and out of class. He was a fair student, but devoted more time to outside campus activities than the average law student and thereby lowered his scholastic average. He is apparently physically sound, is a good mixer, and takes an occasional drink, but Agent Smith has never seen applicant unduly under the influence of alcohol. Agent Smith states he has no reason to suspect applicant of any un-American tendencies. Agent Gump states he became acquainted with applicant at University of Texas; that applicant will take a social drink but he has never known applicant to drink to excess. So far as Agent Gump knows he has never been in any particular trouble and nothing derogatory concerning him is known. Applicant is believed to be honest and trustworthy, and Agent Gump has never had any reason to doubt applicant's patriotism to the United States. Agent Langdon states he became acquainted with applicant at the University of Texas; that he made average grades, spending the major portion of his time in various campus activities. He stated applicant was fair-minded, unselfish, industrious, possesses wit and originality. He stated applicant was elected to membership in the Texas Cowboys, an honorary service organization, and also elected to membership in the Friar, an honorary senior men's service organization to which four outstanding senior students at the University are elected annually. He stated applicant is neat and conservative in his attire, but is juvenile in appearance. He appears frail physically and wears glasses, but it is not believed that he possesses any physical defect which would interfere with his use of firearms. He possesses no radical or un-American tendencies. Agent Langdon would recommend applicant to become a better than average Agent, provided his personal appearance and physical condition measure up to the standards of the Bureau. Agent Pope was not interviewed.

Memorandum by Mr. Glavin,
dated December 16, 1941.

Advised Speaker Rayburn telephonically communicated with him and advised that applicant's father had been born in Germany; however, he knew that he was not in any way pro-

German and that he was a good American citizen. Mr. Glavin stated applicant impressed him favorably and that he looks like a good solid boy.

Personal Interview with Interviewing
Official M. W. Acers, April 26, 1941.

States applicant has a good personal appearance, approach and personality; is self-confident; tactful; answers general questions definitely and quickly; has studied Federal Procedure for Bar examination; appears to be resourceful; appears to have some latent executive ability; and is likely to develop; however, he has not had any investigative

MISCELLANEOUS (cont'd.)

experience. Interviewing Official Acers states applicant's features are fine; he is exceptionally alert; mature for his 22 years, sober and serious, although possessed of a well balanced sense of humor. He is a good conversationalist; was at ease at all times during the interview; self-confident; exhibited no signs of nervousness and in general creates a very favorable impression. Interviewing Official Acers states although applicant is only 22 years of age and will not be 23 until October 19, 1941, it is his opinion that applicant is older for his years than many individuals 24 years of age or older. Recommendation - Favorable.

Personal Interview with Interviewing Official D. A. Ladenberger, Dec. 20, 1941. States applicant presents a good personal appearance, approach, and personality; is self-confident; tactful answers general questions definitely; appears to be resourceful and to have executive ability; and is likely to develop; however, he has not studied Federal Procedure; and has had no investigative experience. He further advised applicant is a young man of small stature and dark complexion; that he is alert, well poised, and impresses him as being intelligent; that he gave applicant several hypothetical investigative situations and he handled them in a manner which impressed him that he is level-headed and possessed of a good common sense; that applicant impressed him as competent to do our job. Recommendation - Favorable.

OUTSTANDING ENDORSERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS - U. S. Senator Tom Connally; U. S. Congressman Sam Rayburn; SAs Richard A. Gump, Burleson Smith, Alvin R. Martin and James C. Langdon.

Applicant's physical report dated December 26, 1941, reflects his vision as normal without glasses; color vision normal by color chart; and he is recommended for arduous physical exertion.

W. R. Glavin
W. R. Glavin
A. E. L.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
December 27, 1941

LBN:DW

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GLAVIN

Mrs. Smedley in the Office of Congressman Hatton Sumners called with reference to Robert S. Strauss. She wanted to know what the situation was with reference to his application. I told her we would check and call her back.

Inasmuch as you are handling this matter you will probably want to call her personally.

Very truly yours,

L. B. Nichols
L. B. Nichols

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
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BI DALLAS, TEXAS

DECEMBER 26, 1941

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DIRECTOR

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SA ~~APL-XXX~~ APPLICANT. APPLICANTS
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POLICE IN STAMFORD, TEXAS. OUTSPOKEN IN APPRECIATION OF
DEMOCRACY AND APPEARS DECIDEDLY ANTI-AXIS. EMPLOYER OF
APPLICANT RECOMMENDS, NEIGHBORHOOD FAVORABLE. CREDIT RECORD
IN DALLAS VERY SATISFACTORY. NO CRIMINAL RECORD, DALLAS,
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 20, 1941

Transmit the following message to:

SAN ANTONIO

SUBMIT TELETYPE SUMMARY SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTIGATION IMMEDIATELY, ROBERT SCHWAPZ
STRAUSS, SA APPLICANT, YOUR FILE NUMBER SIX SEVEN DASH ONE TWO NAUGHT EIGHT.
TOOK TEXAS BAR, EXAMINATION, FEB., NINETEEN FORTYONE. CONTACT LOCAL BOARD
NUMBER ONE, ANDERSON, TO ASCERTAIN DEFINITE AND UPTODATE SELECTIVE SERVICE
INFORMATION. FORMERLY RESIDED ONE SIX NAUGHT FOUR W. LYNN, AUSTIN. ASCERTAIN
EXPIRATION DATE, CHAS. H., AT LOCKHART, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO ANY PRO
GERMAN TENDENCIES HE MAY HAVE. CONDUCT COMPLETE, THOROUGH AND UPTODATE CREDIT,
CRIMINAL AND NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS AT ALL PLACES OF RESIDENCE.

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Mr. Tolson _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 26, 1941

Transmit the following message to:

DALLAS, SAN ANTONIO

ROBERT S. STRAUSS, SPECIAL AGENT APPLICANT; SUBMIT TELETYPE SUMMARY IMMEDIATELY.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 16, 1941

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MEMORANDUM

RE: ROBERT S. STRAUSS
Special Agent Applicant

Speaker Rayburn telephonically communicated with me on December 15, 1941, for the purpose of discussing the above-mentioned applicant.

Speaker Rayburn inquired as to whether it would be possible for me to discuss Mr. Strauss' application with him inasmuch as he was in the city at that time. I advised him that I would be happy to do this.

Mr. Strauss called at my office later in the day and I advised him that he had not successfully passed the written examination in the first instance, and that there had been some comment that his father had been the subject of an old German file. I inquired particularly as to the affiliations of his father and he stated that his father has had an excellent reputation, being an honest American citizen. He stated that as a matter of fact he had settled in Western Texas a number of years ago and had never made any mention concerning his German ancestry because he did not wish to be known as a German.

Also, while discussing this matter with Speaker Rayburn he pointed out to me that applicant's father had been born in Germany; however, he knew that he was not in any way pro-German and that he was a good American citizen.

I arranged for an additional examination for the applicant. Strauss while he was in the city. He impressed me favorably like a good, solid boy and it is my recommendation that we bring the investigation up to date with particular reference to any pro-German tendencies which his father might have. It is believed that such investigation should not only be conducted at Stamford, Texas, his present place of residence, but also at Lockhart, Texas, where his father resided at the time the old German matter was reported.

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Mr. R. Glavin

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DATE:

*Quantico, Va.
Jan. 22, 1942*

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG:

RE: SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT

There is being set out below my status with regard to the Selective Service Act:

I did (~~did not~~) register for the draft.

If not, why not?

My local board order number is: *2099*

My National lottery number is: *unknown*

Questionnaire received? *yes*

Classification Assigned: *3 A*

Was deferment requested? *no*

If so, by whom requested?

Action taken on request:

Marital status: *married*

Number and address of Local Board: *No. 1, Anson, Texas*

Very truly yours,

Robert S. Strauss

Special Agent

Class #13

Jan. 12, 1942 - April 4, 1942

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Form 42A
1-29-42
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AFFIDAVIT TO SUPPORT CLAIM FOR OCCUPATIONAL DEFERMENT

INSTRUCTIONS.—This form is to be filled out by an employer or other person who has knowledge of the registrant's eligibility for Class II deferment as a necessary man in his civilian occupation or activity. If the registrant owns and operates his own business, he may fill out this form himself.

All parts except Part E should be filled out for a registrant engaged in a business, occupation, or profession.

Parts A, E, F, G, and H should be filled out for a registrant pursuing a course of instruction in preparation for work necessary to the National Defense.

A. IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTRANT:

1. Local Board No. 1 Jones Anson Texas
(County) (City) (State)
2. Name of registrant ROBERT S. STRAUSS Order No. 2099

B. INDUSTRY, BUSINESS, OR SERVICE IN WHICH REGISTRANT IS ENGAGED:

1. Name of firm, corporation, partnership, etc. Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice
2. Description of industry or other activity See attachment
3. Is the activity seasonal? No If so, what is the season? _____
4. Has your product or service any relationship to the National Defense production program? Yes If so, specify As mentioned under B. 2, the Bureau has sole investigative jurisdiction over all violations pertaining to the internal security of the United States.
5. Is your product or service necessary to the health, safety or interest of the community or the Nation? Yes If so, specify See attachment
6. (a) Have you any National Defense contracts or subcontracts? _____ If so, specify sent to Miss Price 2-2-42
(b) Do any of the above contracts carry specific priority ratings? _____ If so, specify _____
7. Approximate percentage of product or service currently produced for use of—
(a) The general public _____
(b) The Government See attachment
(c) A primary contractor of the Government _____ Explain item (c) here _____

8. If an agricultural pursuit, state

(a) Size and type of farm.....

(b) Number of acres under cultivation

Number of livestock, poultry, etc.

(c) Principal product

(d) Number of persons employed for wages

C. OCCUPATION OF REGISTRANT:

1. What is the title of his present job or position? Special Agent.....

2. On what date did he enter upon present duties? January 12, 1942.....

3. What is his weekly rate of pay? \$3200 annually (CONFIDENTIAL).....

4. Is he a—

(Check one)

☒ Regular employee.

☐ Other (specify):

☐ Seasonal employee.

☐ Temporary or occasional employee.

5. Has he a journeyman rating?

6. Is he—

(Check one)

☐ Skilled.

See attachment D. 6. a.

☐ Semiskilled.

☐ Unskilled.

(a) Is he in training as an apprentice or learner?

(State which)

(b) How long has he been in such training?

(c) On what date will he complete his training?

(d) For what work is he preparing?

7. (a) Give an ACCURATE and FULL description of his duties. (If possible use United States Employment Service job specifications) See attachments B. 2 and D. 6. a......

(b) On what specific product or service is he primarily engaged? See attachment B. 2.....

8. Is the registrant trained or experienced in more highly skilled work than that in which he is now engaged?

If so, specify

D. DATA RELATIVE TO "NECESSITY" OF THE REGISTRANT:

(See last page of this form for definitions of "necessary man" and regulations regarding deferment.)

1. Have you had difficulty in recruiting workers with the registrant's qualifications or skill? Yes If so, explain action taken, and results See attachment.....

2. Do you anticipate that you would have difficulty in recruiting workers with the registrant's qualifications or skill now or in the future? Yes If so, upon what grounds do you base your anticipation? See attachment D. 1.....

3. Would the registrant's removal cause a material loss of effectiveness in your activity? Yes If so, upon what grounds do you base your statement? See attachments D. 1 and D. 5
4. Would the registrant's removal cause such a serious interruption or delay in your activity that it would impede the National Defense program? Yes If so, upon what grounds do you base your statement? See attachments D. 1 and D. 5
5. (a) How many persons of similar skill or training do you employ? 3002
 (b) Are you expanding that part of your business that requires the services of the registrant's special qualifications or skill? Yes If so, specify in detail See attachment
6. (a) How long does it take to train a person in the registrant's qualifications or skill? See attachment and remarks
 (b) How many persons are you now training in these qualifications or skill to replace separated workers?
 To fill newly created jobs? 300

E. STUDENTS AND OTHERS IN TRAINING:

(To be filled in by appropriate official of school or institution.)

1. Name and type of school or institution _____
 _____ (Name)
 _____ (Type) Location _____ (City) _____ (State)
2. Designation of course pursued by registrant _____
3. For what certificate or license (if any) is he preparing? _____
4. Length of time already spent in course _____
5. How has he progressed to date? _____
6. On what date do you expect the registrant to complete this training? _____
7. Has he offers or contracts of employment after completing the course? _____ If so, specify _____

F. EMPLOYER'S (OR SCHOOL OFFICIAL'S) STIPULATION:

1. Based on the definitions given below in "Excerpts from Selective Service Regulations," I/we recommend classifying this registrant in Class II-B
 (II-A or II-B)
2. Deferment of this registrant is requested for Indefinite
 (Length of time)
3. It is agreed that I/we will notify registrant's Local Board of the resignation, dismissal, failure to make progress in training, or a change in the nature of the employment of the above-named registrant.
4. The registrant is not related to any of the executive officers of this employing unit. The above relationship, if any,
 (Is, is not)
 is _____

G. REMARKS: It will be noted that this Agent is presently performing duties in one of the positions which has been designated as critical to the effective functioning of this Bureau by General Hershey of the National Selective Service Headquarters in his bulletin of December 29, 1941 to all local boards.

H. JURAT:

I, J. Edgar Hoover do solemnly swear (or affirm) that
(Name)
I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
(Official position) (Name of employing unit, or school or institution)
and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of January, 1942.

(Signature of official administering oath)

(Official designation of official administering oath)

THE OATH REQUIRED BY THIS FORM MAY BE ADMINISTERED BY:

1. Any civil or military officer authorized to administer oaths generally or in military administration.
2. Any member of a Local Board or Board of Appeal, or the clerk of such board.
3. Any government appeal agent.
4. Any member or associate member of an Advisory Board for Registrants.
5. Any Postmaster.
6. Any other person authorized by the Selective Service Regulations to administer oaths.

No fee shall be charged by any person for administering the oath required on this form.

EXCERPTS FROM SELECTIVE SERVICE REGULATIONS

351. "Necessary man" defined.—A registrant shall be considered a "necessary man" in industry, business, employment, agricultural pursuit, governmental service, or in any other service or endeavor, including training or preparation therefor, only when all of these conditions exist:

- (a) He is, or but for a seasonal or temporary interruption would be, engaged in such activity.
- (b) He cannot be replaced satisfactorily because of a shortage of persons with his qualifications or skill in such activity.
- (c) His removal would cause a material loss of effectiveness in such activity.

352. Composition of Class II.—(a) In Class II-A shall be placed any registrant found to be a "necessary man" in any industry, business, employment, agricultural pursuit, governmental service, or any other service or endeavor, or in training or preparation therefor, the maintenance of which is necessary to the national health, safety, or interest in the sense that it is useful or productive and contributes to the employment or well-being of the community or the Nation.

(b) In Class II-B shall be placed any registrant found to be a "necessary man" in any industry, business, employment, agricultural pursuit, governmental service, or any other service or endeavor, or in training or preparation therefor, the maintenance of which is essential to the national health, safety, or interest in the sense that a serious interruption or delay in such activity is likely to impede the National Defense program.

353. Length of deferments for Class II-A.—(a) Class II-A deferments shall be for a period not longer than 6 months, at the expiration of which time the deferment shall cease. Upon the expiration of any such period, the case of the registrant shall be reopened and his classification considered anew in the manner provided in Section XXX, and, if the facts warrant, the registrant may again be classified in Class II-A for a further period not to exceed 6 months.

(b) Class II-B deferments shall not be limited as to the period during which they shall be effective. The case of a registrant classified in Class II-B may be reopened and his classification considered anew in the same manner and for the same reasons as any other classification. (See Section XXX.)

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been designated as the sole civilian Government investigative agency, having jurisdiction over the investigation of matters pertaining to the national defense, that is, espionage, sabotage, registration of agents of foreign principals and the like. Further, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has sole investigative jurisdiction in a great number of other Federal statutes which embrace bank robbery, kidnaping, extortion, white slave traffic, the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and numerous others. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has also been designated by Congress as the agency officially responsible for the tabulation and dissemination of police statistics for the entire country. Under an Act of Congress these statistics are gathered and are distributed to thousands of interested police and affiliated agencies each quarter so that trends of crime, crime records, and crime control can be known to those to whom it is of most interest. Further than this, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been designated as the agency having jurisdiction over the classification and maintenance of fingerprint records, not only on a national basis, but on an international basis. We have some thirty-one million sets of fingerprints on hand today. We are receiving the fingerprint records of all persons enlisted or being inducted into the Army and enlisted in other military services. Thousands of persons in public utility positions are fingerprinted and the prints are retained in our files. Those working in national defense industries on many occasions are fingerprinted, their prints being included in our files. Our Government employees' prints are included. We are receiving thousands of criminal fingerprints from all police agencies in the country daily and it is essential that we immediately be able to notify the arresting agency of the criminal record of the individual because he may be wanted for more serious crimes in other sections of the country and if he is to be released on a mere vagrancy or other charge, he may be set free to continue his depredations on society. This Bureau, together with many other foreign countries, participates in the international exchange of fingerprints. Hundreds of international crooks are brought to task yearly through the media of this service we have rendered.

Our Criminology Laboratory handles the scientific examination of evidence in cases investigated by the Federal and local law enforcement agencies. A great deal of their work is done in the examination of suspected sabotage cases at the present time. The scientists in that Laboratory have lectured throughout the country on bombs and explosives so that local police agencies may be adequately prepared to handle any such matters which might arise under their jurisdiction.

There are contained in our Files Section the files of hundreds of thousands of individuals whose activities are of the greatest importance to the country today. The work of the Files Section and the records of that section which have to do not only with the investigation of kidnaping, extortion, bank robbery, and like cases but also the investigation of our espionage, sabotage, foreign agent cases, and others, are of course accessible to employees working in that unit. It is most essential that only the most trusted employees be so assigned.

B. 5.

The work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is of the utmost importance in the national defense. It is essential that thoroughly qualified personnel of the highest integrity and background be secured for every position in the Bureau. Our work is the guarding of the internal security of the country, not only in national defense matters, but in the control of those criminals who previously had terrorized the country in waves of bank robbery, kidnaping, extortion, white slavery, automobile theft, and numerous other crimes. There is no doubt whatsoever in the minds of law enforcement officials that should any group be permitted to have the assurance that their activities were being minimized during the present national emergency, we would have a tremendous country-wide wave of crime in that particular category in a very short period of time. It is, therefore, essential that from a national defense standpoint and from a public security standpoint the Bureau maintain its qualified staff at an absolute maximum in order to continue to have control of the criminal element under its jurisdiction.

I, J. Edgar Hoover, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of January, 19 42

B. 7. a. b. c.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is primarily a service agency. We serve our Government and the public. We cannot determine the amount of work which is going to be referred to us. If there is a crime wave of local or national significance at any time the work of the Bureau is increased in comparison. Our identification, laboratory, and crime statistics facilities reflect very definitely the trends in the country. We must have available personnel to properly handle the thousands of fingerprint records being received by us daily. We are at the present time receiving approximately thirty-four thousand sets of prints daily. We must have a scientific staff in the laboratory to examine scientific evidence. We must have an investigative force of sufficient size to handle the work being referred to us. We must have a technical and supervisory staff of sufficient size to render the service to our investigative, identification, laboratory, and statistical staffs so that we may have the benefit of the wealth of information in our various files. The work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has increased so tremendously that every employee in the Bureau, regardless of his position, is performing a tremendous amount of overtime service. Our Special Agent investigators are performing no less than four hours a day overtime service. In the present emergency we have found it necessary to curtail leave because of inadequate personnel and many of our men have worked over long periods of time without having any time off for vacation.

D. 1.

The additional duties imposed upon the Bureau since the declaration of the national emergency have made it necessary that our staff be more than doubled. From the information furnished under sub-heading B, it will be seen that it is essential to carefully investigate every employee in the Bureau. All of our employees in the performance of their work at one time or the other has opportunity to observe and note the content of confidential investigative reports, the publication of which would be most detrimental to the national safety. We have had considerable difficulty in securing sufficient employees. We find that out of applicants who file application, we are successful in appointing about one out of every one hundred. It, therefore, means that if we lose an employee after he is fully investigated and is being given training or has been experienced, we must again consider on an average, one hundred persons before he can be replaced. In the accelerated program of the Government it is essential that the Federal Bureau of Investigation work at top speed to keep abreast of its duties and investigation of matters pertaining to national defense, its regular activities, and its most important and essential identification activities at this time.

D. 5:

At the present time the Federal Bureau of Investigation is employing additional qualified persons as rapidly as they can be found. The assembled Congress has in the past several months passed several bills which will increase even to a greater extent our present volume of work. The needs of the service as to employees fluctuate with the periods of stress in the country.

D. 6. a:

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are given twelve weeks of training which embraces five hundred and thirty-five hours of study. During that period of time they are trained not only in investigative techniques and procedures but are qualified in the handling of firearms, mechanical devices, and technical devices in use by the Bureau. After entering the field service after training, their skill, of course, increases with their length of service in the field.

I, J. Edgar Hoover, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of January, 1942

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February 4, 1942

Mr. Robert S. Strauss
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

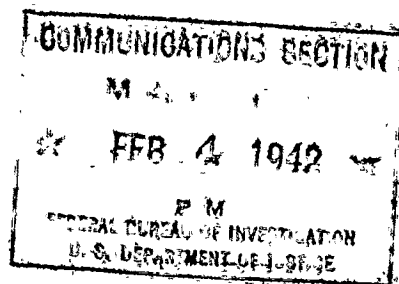
Dear Mr. Strauss:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your contribution of \$5.00 to the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any participating Special Agent of the Bureau who dies, from any cause, while employed as a Special Agent.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director





Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund subsequent to April 15, 1941, and who dies from any cause, while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of five dollars (\$5), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping, and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$5,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Ms Helen J. Strauss Address 4105 De Moache
Dallas, Texas
Relationship Wife

Very truly yours,

Robert S. Strauss
Special Agent

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS

Agent

67-204852

12/20/41

12/20/41
me

Father: Chas. H. Hermann, Texas

Mother: Schwarz (maiden name) Texas

Wife: MR Helen Jacobs Texas

Father-in-law: MR L. L. Jacobs Texas

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Charles H. Strauss
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

JANUARY 19, 1942

Transmit the following message to:

DALLAS, NEW ORLEANS

ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL AGENT APPLICANT, INASMUCH AS APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN
OFFERED THIS APPLICANT, INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE COMPLETED IMMEDIATELY.

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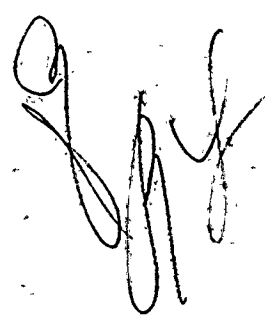
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I, ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

(Sign here) Robert S. Strauss

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

12 day of January, 1942

Oran A. Stued
Notary Public

DATE OF ENTRY ON DUTY January 12, 1942

DATE OF BIRTH Oct. 9, 1918

PLACE OF BIRTH* Lockhart, Texas

* If foreign born, date of naturalization

LEGAL VOTING RESIDENCE Dallas, Texas

DO YOU RECEIVE AN ANNUITY UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT ACT?

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PERSONNEL AFFIDAVIT

Dept. of Justice Bureau of Investigation Washington, D.C.
(Department or agency) (Bureau or division) (Place of employment)
Name ROBERT S. STRAUSS
(Given name, initial or initials, if any, and last name. Print or type)

Section 9A of Public 252—76th Congress, approved August 2, 1939, otherwise known as the "Hatch Act," provides:

"(1) It shall be unlawful for any person employed in any capacity by any agency of the Federal Government, whose compensation, or any part thereof, is paid from funds authorized or appropriated by any Act of Congress, to have membership in any political party or organization which advocates the overthrow of our constitutional form of government in the United States.

"(2) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be immediately removed from the position or office held by him, and thereafter no part of the funds appropriated by any Act of Congress for such position or office shall be used to pay the compensation of such person;"

It is provided in various appropriation acts that no part of the funds so appropriated shall be used to pay the salary or wages of any person who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence, and that an affidavit shall be considered *prima facie* evidence that the person making the affidavit does not advocate, and is not a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence. Such acts provide further that any person who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence and accepts employment, the salary or wages for which are paid from any such appropriation, shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both, and that the above penalty shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law.

I, ROBERT S. STRAUSS, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have read and understand the foregoing; that I do not advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; that I am not a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; and that during such time as I am an employee of the Federal Government, I will not advocate nor become a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence.

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Robert S. Strauss
(Signature of employee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of January,
at Washington, D.C.
(City or place) (State)

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Mr. Robert S. Strauss
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Dear Mr. Strauss:

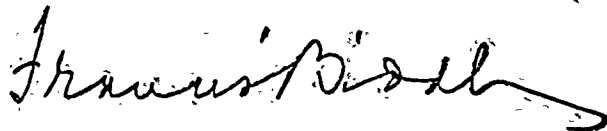
You are hereby appointed a Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, with salary at the rate of \$3200 per annum in Grade CAF-9. You will also be allowed your expenses of travel and operation in accordance with existing regulations and \$5.00 a day in lieu of subsistence when absent from official headquarters, which are hereby fixed at Washington, D. C., effective upon your entry on duty, to which point you should proceed at your own expense in order to assume your official duties. Your headquarters will thereafter be changed from time to time to such places as may be deemed advisable by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under whose supervision and instructions you will be employed.

Your salary, expenses, and per diem will be paid from the appropriation for "Salaries and Expenses, Federal Bureau of Investigation (National Defense)," FIELD.

This appointment will take effect when you enter on duty at Washington, D. C.

This letter is not to be considered as operating credentials and is not to be so used. Operating credentials are issued separately.

Respectfully,



Attorney General.

By the Attorney General:

(signed) James Rowe, Jr.

The Assistant to the Attorney General.

Vice: J. William Monbray - transferred

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mr. Robert S. Strauss
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Mr. Strauss:

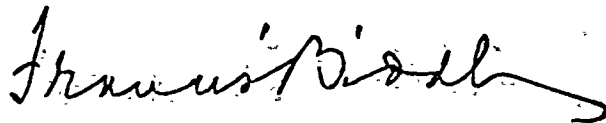
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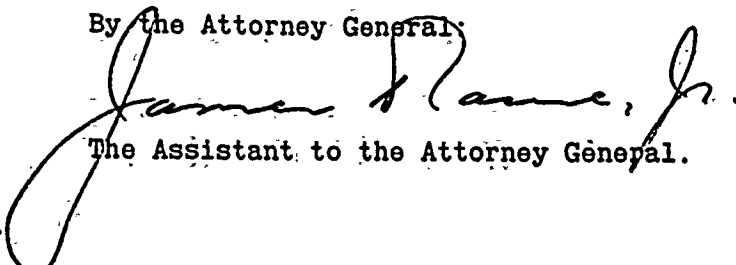
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Attorney General.

By the Attorney General.



The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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THE FBI PLEDGE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Humbly recognizing the responsibilities entrusted to me, I do vow that I shall always consider the high calling of law enforcement to be an honorable profession, the duties of which are recognized by me as both an art and a science. I recognize fully my responsibilities to defend the right, to protect the weak, to aid the distressed, and to uphold the law in public duty and in private living. I accept the obligation in connection with my assignments to report facts and to testify without bias or display of emotion, and to consider the information, coming to my knowledge by virtue of my position as a sacred trust, to be used solely for official purposes. To the responsibilities entrusted to me of seeking to prevent crime, of finding the facts of law violations and of apprehending fugitives and criminals, I shall give my loyal and faithful attention and shall always be equally alert in striving to acquit the innocent and to convict the guilty. In the performance of my duties and assignments, I shall not engage in unlawful and unethical practices but shall perform the functions of my office without fear, without favor, and without prejudice. At no time shall I disclose to an unauthorized person any fact, testimony, or information in any pending matter coming to my official knowledge which may be calculated to prejudice the minds of existing or prospective judicial bodies either to favor or to disfavor any person or issue. While occupying the status of a law enforcement officer or at any other time subsequent thereto, I shall not seek to benefit personally because of my knowledge of any confidential matter which has come to my attention. I am aware of the serious responsibilities of my office and in the performance of my duties I shall, as a minister, seek to supply comfort, advice and aid to those who may be in need of such benefits; as a soldier, I shall wage vigorous warfare against the enemies of my country, of its laws, and of its principles; and as a physician, I shall seek to eliminate the criminal parasite which preys upon our social order and to strengthen the lawful processes of our body politic. I shall strive to be both a teacher and a pupil in the art and science of law enforcement. As a lawyer, I shall acquire due knowledge of the laws of my domain and seek to preserve and maintain the majesty and dignity of the law; as a scientist, it will be my endeavor to learn all pertinent truth about accusations and complaints which come to my lawful knowledge; as an artist, I shall seek to use my skill for the purpose of making each assignment a masterpiece; as a neighbor, I shall bear an attitude of true friendship and courteous respect to all citizens; and as an officer, I shall always be loyal to my duty, my organization, and my country. I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, and will constantly strive to cooperate with and promote cooperation between all regularly constituted law enforcement agencies and officers in the performance of duties of mutual interest and obligation.

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Robert S. Strauss
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

January 17, 1942

MEMORANDUM

A search of the files of this Division
fails to disclose any record of Robert Schwarz^O Strauss,
employee, whose fingerprint card has been
retained here. The fingerprint classification
in this case is 7 0 1 A 7.
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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Q. Tamm", is written over the typed name.

Q. Tamm

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mr.
Miss
Mrs.Mr. Robert S. CarsonDate January 7, 1942New appointment ☒Transfer ☐Promotion ☐Separation ☐

PRESENT STATUS

1. Title: 2. Grade:
3. Salary: 4. Seat of Government: ☐
Field: ☐
5. Division: 6. Appropriation:

PROPOSED ACTION

7. Title: Special Agent 8. Grade: CAF 9
9. Salary: \$3200 per annum and \$5.00 per diem 10. Seat of Government: ☐
Field: ☐
11. Division: 12. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses, FBI (National Defense)"
13. Effective With entry on duty
14. Position: Additional: ☐
Vice: J. Willem Howbrey - trans-
Identical: ferred September 16, 1941
15. Remarks:

Recommended for appointment as a Special Agent in Grade CAF 9, with salary at the rate of \$3200 per annum and \$5.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence and expenses of travel and operation when absent from official headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,

CC: Chief, Audit Section
Mr. E. A. Tamm

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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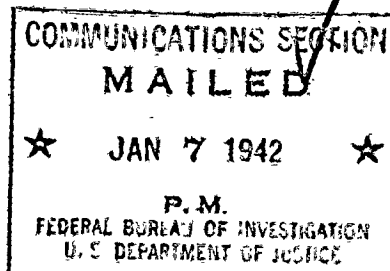
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

JANUARY 1, 1942

Transmit the following message to:

SAN ANTONIO

ROBERT S. STRAUSS, SPECIAL AGENT APPLICANT, SUBMIT TELETYPE SUMMARY IMMEDIATELY.

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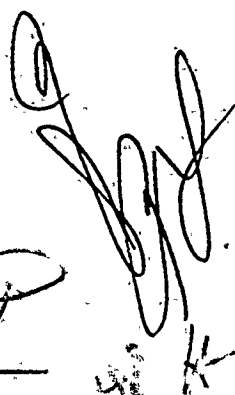
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

From: Chief Clerk's Office Room 5513

January 7, 1942

To: W Reading Room
W Mr. Glavin

FOR APPROVAL TO GO OUT

Appointment Mr. Robert S. Strauss, Special Agent, Grade CAF. 9, \$3200 per annum, School of January 12th.

OUTSTANDING ENDORSERS:

Senator Tom Connally, (D) of Texas.
Congressman Sam Rayburn, (D) of Texas.

LL.B Degree - University of Texas School of Law.
Member of Texas Bar.

Applicant's father was born in Germany and is naturalized.

Applicant is acquainted with the following Special Agents of this Bureau:

Richard A. Gump
J. Burleson Smith
Alvin R. Martin
Jim C. Langdon
Walter S. Pope, Jr. ✓

Selective Service - 3-A Classification. Will be reclassified in March, 1942.

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App't Sent 1-7-42 [signature]
W. R. Glavin *oc*
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT

OF JUSTICE WASHINGTON DC

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

SA FILE NO. **67-1208**

REPORT MADE AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 1/10/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/22, 23, 27, 28, 30/41; 1/5/42	REPORT MADE BY DAVID C. GUSTAFSON, JB.
TITLE ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS			CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant was born 10/19/18 at Lockhart, Texas the son of C. H. STRAUSS, presently of Stamford, Texas, a dry goods merchant. Applicant is member of Jewish Church. Applicant is licensed to practice law in Texas. Selective Service classification in Anson, Texas is 3-A. Applicant was married May 27, 1941. Neighborhood satisfactory, no criminal or credit record. No evidence of un-American sympathies or activities.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau teletype to San Antonio dated 12/20/41;
Bureau teletype to San Antonio and Dallas dated 12/26/41.

DETAILS:

AT AUSTIN, TEXAS:

The following investigation is a joint report of Special Agents A. J. NORSTROM, WADE W. AULICK and the writer.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. J. NORSTROM:

Mr. S. A. PHILQUIST, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas, stated that applicant was licensed to practice law in Texas.

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however, applicant had not paid his dues to the State Bar of Texas, and for that reason would be unable to practice until the \$4.00 per annum dues were paid.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

The Selective Service Board at Anson, Texas, not Anderson as in the reference teletype, was telephonically contacted and that office advised that applicant was married May 27, 1941 and classified in class 3 A because applicant's wife was entirely dependent on him.

Neighborhood

AT AUSTIN, TEXAS:

C. W. SWEARINGEN, 1910 Rio Grande Street, past president of Delta Sigma Phi, member of the Inter-fraternity Council, and at present a Special Agent applicant, informed the writer that applicant formerly resided at that address when it was the address of the applicant's fraternity. He stated that applicant did not have physical or social traits usually attributed to the Jewish race, but was popular among those in the Inter-Fraternity Council and was elected secretary of that organization, the great majority of which was gentile. He further stated that applicant was friendly, made a good appearance, was a member of the year book Goodfellows and Outstanding Men on the Campus sections, was a member of the Cowboys Service Club, which was an organization that sold tickets for charity functions, university functions and aided the Dean's Office in other similar tasks. He stated that applicant had no un-American tendencies.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WADE W. AULICK.

Mrs. SADIE COTHAM of 1903 Nueces, stated that she had been applicant's landlady and that applicant had lived in one of the apartments with two other male students from November, 1937 to January, 1938. She stated she did not know the applicant well but that the rent had been paid promptly and that there had been no complaints regarding this group of students. She stated that if there had been any trouble with the group or the applicant that she would have remembered it.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer: Mrs. T. B. BAILEY, 2208 Enfield Road, stated that she rented her son's home at 2207 Bridle Path to the applicant and three other male students for one semester (dates not recalled). She advised that she did not know the applicant well, but that that rent had been paid promptly, the students had treated the home facilities with care, and she had no trouble of any kind with the group.

Mr. DAVE NOVY, 2406 Harris Boulevard, a fraternity brother of the applicant, stated that the applicant had kept company with his wife four or five years prior to his marriage, was friendly, steady, active in the fraternity and that applicant's judgment was relied upon in fraternity policy matters. He stated applicant was one of the two men appointed in charge of the annual Varsity Carnival in 1941 and had a fine personality. He knew of no un-American sympathies possessed by the applicant.

Mr. A. NOWOTNY, 1604 Lynn, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at the University of Texas, stated that applicant roomed at his home in the garage apartment from September, 1940 to June, 1941. He stated that applicant married HELEN JACOBS of Dallas, May 27, 1941, whom he had been engaged to for five years and that they moved into his home while he (NOWOTNY) went away for the summer. He stated that applicant did not have the physical or social traits usually attributed to the Jewish race and had a great number of friends on the campus, having more gentile friends than Jewish. He stated that applicant was sincere, thoroughly capable in his undertakings, and a very fine young man. He stated that applicant had been a very average student, probably because of his campus activities. He advised that he had visited the applicant's home in Stamford, Texas, talked with applicant's father and was positive that there were no un-American feelings in the family.

Mr. STANLEY MOHLE, Postmaster at Lockhart, Texas, was telephonically contacted and he stated that the STRAUSS family had not lived in Lockhart for over twelve years; that applicant's father had married one of the SCHWARZ girls, a well-thought of Jewish family in Lockhart. He stated that he had never heard anything derogatory concerning applicant's family and that there were no known un-American tendencies in the SCHWARZ family.

Credit and Criminal

After a search of the records of the Retail Merchant's Association files Miss ROBERTA PRYOR of that company, stated that the applicant had no credit record in Austin.

Miss BETTY CHEWNING of the Identification Bureau of the Austin Police Department stated, after searching the files of that office, that applicant had no criminal record in Austin.

A teletype summary of the above information was transmitted to the Bureau on January 2, 1942.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

At STAMFORD, TEXAS: will conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain the reputation, character, and sympathies of applicant's father, C. W. STRAUSS, presently a dry goods merchant in that town.

THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION

At NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: will contact Mrs. JAMES A. CORRELL at 120 Oak Ridge Park, West, in care of Dr. A. A. TISDALE, a former landlady of applicant at 3205 Harris Park Boulevard, Austin, Texas, and ascertain information she may have concerning applicant's character.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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JANUARY 7, 1942

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: MR. ROBERT S. STRAUSS
c/o WESTCHESTER APARTMENTS
4721 DOWDER STREET
DALLAS, TEXAS

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YOU ARE OFFERED APPOINTMENT SPECIAL AGENT THIS BUREAU SALARY THIRTY TWO HUNDRED PER ANNUM ALLOWED FIVE DOLLARS DAY LIEU OF SUBSISTENCE WHEN ABSENT HEADQUARTERS WHICH WILL BE FIXED AT WASHINGTON DC EFFECTIVE WITH ENTRY ON DUTY. NOTIFY THIS OFFICE BY WIRE IF THIS APPOINTMENT ACCEPTED. IF YOU ACCEPT PROCEED TO WASHINGTON AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE REPORT TO ROOM FIVE TWO FIVE SIX UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUILDING PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BETWEEN NINTH AND TENTH STREETS NORTHWEST AT NINE AM ON JANUARY TWELFTH TO ENTER ON DUTY. RIGID PHYSICAL EXAMINATION MUST BE TAKEN AT WASHINGTON AND IF SAME REFLECTS YOU ARE NOT CAPABLE PERFORMING STRENUOUS DUTIES OR THAT YOUR COLOR VISION OR VISION NOT NORMAL OR THAT YOU HAVE ANY DEFECT WHICH MIGHT INTERFERE WITH YOUR USE OF FIREARMS APPOINTMENT WILL BE CANCELLED. FBI STANDARDS REQUIRE UNCORRECTED VISION NO LESS THAN TWENTY FORTY IN ONE EYE AND TWENTY FIFTY IN THE OTHER EYE CORRECTED WITH GLASSES TO NORMAL VISION OF TWENTY TWENTY. ARRANGE PERSONAL MATTERS THAT YOU MAY ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT WHERE SERVICES NEEDED CONSIDER THIS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND PRESENT WIRE UPON REPORTING. FBI RESERVES RIGHT TO REFUSE ACCEPTANCE OF ANY RESIGNATION OF A SPECIAL AGENT UNLESS AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS NOTICE OF INTENTION TO RESIGN GIVEN. ASSIGNMENT DURING TRAINING WILL BE EITHER WASHINGTON DC OR QUANTICO VIRGINIA. PER DIEM NOT ALLOWED AT WASHINGTON DC IF TWO DOLLARS TRAINING GIVEN AT QUANTICO PER DIEM OF ~~ONE DOLLAR FORTY CENTS~~ WILL BE ALLOWED. NOT POSSIBLE FOR WIVES OR FAMILIES OF APPOINTEES TO BE DOMICILED AT QUANTICO DURING TRAINING PERIOD.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. **67-1644**

REPORT MADE AT New Orleans, La.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/23/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/20/42	REPORT MADE BY VERNON J. GOERTZ mf
TITLE ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS			CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT - Special Agent

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. JAMES A. CORRELL, 120 Oak Ridge Park, c/o Dr. A. A. TISDALE, considers applicant trustworthy and honest, that he enjoys a good reputation, and that she trusted him implicitly. Also advised that all bills were paid promptly. No un-American or subversive tendencies observed.

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REFERENCE: Teletype from Bureau dated 1/19/42.
Report of Special Agent DAVID C. GUSTAFSON, dated 1-10-42, at San Antonio, Texas.

DETAILS: AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Mrs. JAMES A. CORRELL was contacted telephonically and it was learned that the applicant lived with three other boys in Mrs. CORRELL'S home. These boys were trusted to the extent that Mrs. CORRELL left her house completely under their supervision while she went to California on a trip that lasted several months. The four boys lived with Mrs. CORRELL from September, 1939 to June 1, 1940, while all were attending Tulane University. Mrs. CORRELL added that the boys were Jewish; were perfect gentlemen; and that they paid their bills promptly. The names of two of the other boys are: RAYMOND FRIEDLANDER and JAMES MUSLOW; she cannot recall the name of the fourth person, nor can she furnish any present addresses. No un-American or subversive tendencies were observed.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. E. Claggett</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">67-1644-45</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">JAN 26 1942</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.2em;"> 2-5 142 T. A. </div>	
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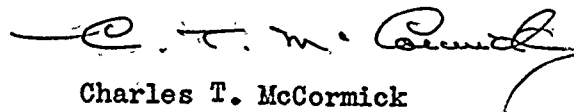
Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am pleased to learn from your letter
of January 7th, of the appointment of Mr. Robert
S. Strauss of Dallas, Texas, as a Special Agent.

We hope and believe that he will justify
your confidence in him manifested by the appoint-
ment.

Yours sincerely,



Charles T. McCormick
Dean of the Law School

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Honorable Tom Connally
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

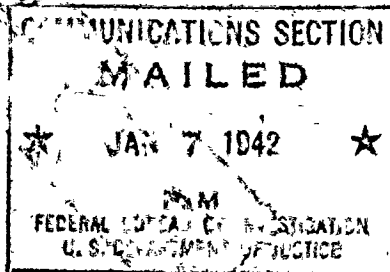
My dear Senator:

I am indeed pleased to inform you that an appointment to the position of Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been tendered to Mr. Robert C. Strauss of Dallas, Texas, in whom you have expressed an interest.

With expressions of my highest esteem
and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____





**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Washington, D. C.

February 5, 1942

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SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF OF INVESTIGATION
(Summary brief of investigation submitted January 3, 1942)

RE: ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS
Special Agent Applicant

	SA	SA
	4/41	12/41
Written Rating:	50%	55%
Oral "	60%	73%
Composite "	55%	64%

Age: 23
Married

LL.B.-University
Licensed to practice law in Texas

The written reports of the investigation substantiate the information contained in the summary brief of investigation submitted January 3, 1942, with the exception of the following:

EDUCATION

Took Texas Bar Exam February 1941.

Licensed to practice law July 28, 1941; however, applicant has not paid his dues to the State Bar of Texas, and for that reason would be unable to practice until the \$4.00 per annum dues were paid.

MISCELLANEOUS

Neighborhood investigation

Mrs. Correll, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that applicant lived with her from September 1939 to June 1940, while he was attending Tulane University. (Not on application. It is noted that applicant attended the University of Texas from 1935-1941.)

OUTSTANDING ENDORSERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS * U. S. Senator Tom Connally; U. S. Congressman Sam Rayburn; SAs Richard A. Gump, Burleson Smith, Alvin R. Martin and James C. Langdon.

Applicant entered on duty as a Special Agent on January 12, 1942.

W. R. Glavin
W. R. Glavin cc

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.....Mrs. Atkinson
.....Miss Guigon
.....Mrs. Jacobs
.....Mrs. Wackerman
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March 2, 1942

Local Board Number 1
Selective Service System
Anson, Texas

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Selective Service status of Mr. Robert S. Strauss, who is duly registered at your Board as Order Number 2099. In accordance with your recent request, I am transmitting herewith an additional D.S.S. Form 42-A executed by me under date of February 24, 1942, in order that you may have this request in duplicate.

I want you to know that it is my desire to cooperate with your Board to the fullest extent, and if there is any additional information you may desire with regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to call upon me. Of course, I shall keep you promptly advised as to any change in his occupational status.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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AFFIDAVIT TO SUPPORT CLAIM FOR OCCUPATIONAL DEFERMENT

INSTRUCTIONS.—This form is to be filled out by an employer or other person who has knowledge of the registrant's eligibility for Class II deferment as a necessary man in his civilian occupation or activity. If the registrant owns and operates his own business, he may fill out this form himself.

All parts except Part E should be filled out for a registrant engaged in a business, occupation, or profession.
Parts A, E, F, G, and H should be filled out for a registrant engaged in a business, occupation, or profession.

Parts A, E, F, G, and H should be filled out for a registrant pursuing a course of instruction in preparation for work necessary to the National Defense.

A. IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTRANT:

1. Local Board No. 1 Jones Anson Texas
(County) (City) (State)

2. Name of registrant.....ROBERT S. STRAUSS..... Order No. 2099

B. INDUSTRY, BUSINESS, OR SERVICE IN WHICH REGISTRANT IS ENGAGED:

1. Name of firm, corporation, partnership, etc. Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States
Department of Justice

2. Description of industry or other activity.....See attachment.....

3. Is the activity seasonal? No If so, what is the season? _____

4. Has your product or service any relationship to the National Defense production program? Yes If so, specify As mentioned under B. 2, the Bureau has investigative jurisdiction over all violations pertaining to the internal security of the United States.

5. Is your product or service necessary to the health, safety or interest of the community or the Nation? Yes If so, specify See attachment

6. (a) Have you any National Defense contracts or subcontracts? _____ If so, specify _____

(b) Do any of the above contracts carry specific priority ratings? If so, specify

7. Approximate percentage of product or service currently produced for use of—

(a) The general public -----

(b) The Government See attachment

(c) A primary contractor of the Government Explain item (c) here

8. If an agricultural pursuit, state

(a) Size and type of farm

(b) Number of acres under cultivation

Number of livestock, poultry, etc.

(c) Principal product

(d) Number of persons employed for wages

C. OCCUPATION OF REGISTRANT:

1. What is the title of his present job or position? Special Agent

2. On what date did he enter upon present duties? January 12, 1942

3. What is his weekly rate of pay? \$3200 annually **CONFIDENTIAL**

4. Is he a—

(Check one)

☒ Regular employee.

☐ Other (specify):

☐ Seasonal employee.

☐ Temporary or occasional employee.

5. Has he a journeyman rating?

6. Is he—

(Check one)

☐ Skilled.

See attachment D. 6. a.

☐ Semiskilled.

☐ Unskilled.

(a) Is he in training as an apprentice or learner?

(b) How long has he been in such training?

(State which)

(c) On what date will he complete his training?

(d) For what work is he preparing?

7. (a) Give an **ACCURATE** and **FULL** description of his duties. (If possible use United States Employment Service job specifications) See attachments B. 2 and D. 6. a.

(b) On what specific product or service is he primarily engaged? See attachment B. 2

8. Is the registrant trained or experienced in more highly skilled work than that in which he is now engaged?

If so, specify

D. DATA RELATIVE TO "NECESSITY" OF THE REGISTRANT:

(See last page of this form for definitions of "necessary man" and regulations regarding deferment.)

1. Have you had difficulty in recruiting workers with the registrant's qualifications or skill? Yes If so, explain action taken, and results See attachment

2. Do you anticipate that you would have difficulty in recruiting workers with the registrant's qualifications or skill now or in the future? Yes If so, upon what grounds do you base your anticipation? See attachment D. 1

3. Would the registrant's removal ☐ be a material loss of effectiveness in your act ☐? Yes If so, upon what grounds do you base your statement? See attachments D. 1 and D. 5

4. Would the registrant's removal cause such a serious interruption or delay in your activity that it would impede the National Defense program? Yes If so, upon what grounds do you base your statement? See attachments D. 1 and D. 5

5. (a) How many persons of similar skill or training do you employ? 3116
(b) Are you expanding that part of your business that requires the services of the registrant's special qualifications or skill? Yes If so, specify in detail See attachment

6. (a) How long does it take to train a person in the registrant's qualifications or skill? See attachment and remarks

(b) How many persons are you now training in these qualifications or skill to replace separated workers? To fill newly created jobs? 300

E. STUDENTS AND OTHERS IN TRAINING:

(To be filled in by appropriate official of school or institution.)

1. Name and type of school or institution _____
(Name)
(Type) _____ Location _____ (City) _____ (State) _____

2. Designation of course pursued by registrant _____

3. For what certificate or license (if any) is he preparing? _____

4. Length of time already spent in course _____

5. How has he progressed to date? _____

6. On what date do you expect the registrant to complete this training? _____

7. Has he offers or contracts of employment after completing the course? _____ If so, specify _____

F. EMPLOYER'S (OR SCHOOL OFFICIAL'S) STIPULATION:

1. Based on the definitions given below in "Excerpts from Selective Service Regulations," I/we recommend classifying this registrant in Class II-B
(II-A or II-B)

2. Deferment of this registrant is requested for Indefinite
(Length of time)

3. It is agreed that I/we will notify registrant's Local Board of the resignation, dismissal, failure to make progress in training, or a change in the nature of the employment of the above-named registrant.

4. The registrant is not related to any of the executive officers of this employing unit. The above relationship, if any, is _____
(Is, is not)

G. REMARKS: It will be noted that this Agent is presently performing duties in one of the positions which has been designated as critical to the effective functioning of this Bureau by General Hershey of the National Selective Service Headquarters in his bulletin of December 29, 1941 to all local boards.

H. JURAT:

I, J. Edgar Hoover do solemnly swear (or affirm) that
(Name)
I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
(Official position) (Name of employing unit, or school or institution)
and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of February, 1942.

(Signature of official administering oath)

(Official designation of official administering oath)

THE OATH REQUIRED BY THIS FORM MAY BE ADMINISTERED BY:

1. Any civil or military officer authorized to administer oaths generally or in military administration.
2. Any member of a Local Board or Board of Appeal, or the clerk of such board.
3. Any government appeal agent.
4. Any member or associate member of an Advisory Board for Registrants.
5. Any Postmaster.
6. Any other person authorized by the Selective Service Regulations to administer oaths.

No fee shall be charged by any person for administering the oath required on this form.

EXCERPTS FROM SELECTIVE SERVICE REGULATIONS

351. "Necessary man" defined.—A registrant shall be considered a "necessary man" in industry, business, employment, agricultural pursuit, governmental service, or in any other service or endeavor, including training or preparation therefor, only when all of these conditions exist:

- (a) He is, or but for a seasonal or temporary interruption would be, engaged in such activity.
- (b) He cannot be replaced satisfactorily because of a shortage of persons with his qualifications or skill in such activity.
- (c) His removal would cause a material loss of effectiveness in such activity.

352. Composition of Class II.—(a) In Class II-A shall be placed any registrant found to be a "necessary man" in any industry, business, employment, agricultural pursuit, governmental service, or any other service or endeavor, or in training or preparation therefor, the maintenance of which is necessary to the national health, safety, or interest in the sense that it is useful or productive and contributes to the employment or well-being of the community or the Nation.

(b) In Class II-B shall be placed any registrant found to be a "necessary man" in any industry, business, employment, agricultural pursuit, governmental service, or any other service or endeavor, or in training or preparation therefor, the maintenance of which is essential to the national health, safety, or interest in the sense that a serious interruption or delay in such activity is likely to impede the National Defense program.

353. Length of deferments for Class II-A.—(a) Class II-A deferments shall be for a period not longer than 6 months, at the expiration of which time the deferment shall cease. Upon the expiration of any such period, the case of the registrant shall be reopened and his classification considered anew in the manner provided in Section XXX, and, if the facts warrant, the registrant may again be classified in Class II-A for a further period not to exceed 6 months.

(b) Class II-B deferments shall not be limited as to the period during which they shall be effective. The case of a registrant classified in Class II-B may be reopened and his classification considered anew in the same manner and for the same reasons as any other classification. (See Section XXX.)

B. 2.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been designated as the sole civilian Government investigative agency, having jurisdiction over the investigation of matters pertaining to the national defense, that is, espionage, sabotage, registration of agents of foreign principals and the like. Further, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has sole investigative jurisdiction in a great number of other Federal statutes which embrace bank robbery, kidnaping, extortion, white slave traffic, the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and numerous others. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has also been designated by Congress as the agency officially responsible for the tabulation and dissemination of police statistics for the entire country. Under an Act of Congress these statistics are gathered and are distributed to thousands of interested police and affiliated agencies each quarter so that trends of crime, crime records, and crime control can be known to those to whom it is of most interest. Further than this, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been designated as the agency having jurisdiction over the classification and maintenance of fingerprint records, not only on a national basis, but on an international basis. We have some thirty-one million sets of fingerprints on hand today. We are receiving the fingerprint records of all persons enlisted or being inducted into the Army and enlisted in other military services. Thousands of persons in public utility positions are fingerprinted and the prints are retained in our files. Those working in national defense industries on many occasions are fingerprinted, their prints being included in our files. Our Government employees' prints are included. We are receiving thousands of criminal fingerprints from all police agencies in the country daily and it is essential that we immediately be able to notify the arresting agency of the criminal record of the individual because he may be wanted for more serious crimes in other sections of the country and if he is to be released on a mere vagrancy or other charge, he may be set free to continue his depredations on society. This Bureau, together with many other foreign countries, participates in the international exchange of fingerprints. Hundreds of international crooks are brought to task yearly through the media of this service we have rendered.

Our Criminology Laboratory handles the scientific examination of evidence in cases investigated by the Federal and local law enforcement agencies. A great deal of their work is done in the examination of suspected sabotage cases at the present time. The scientists in that Laboratory have lectured throughout the country on bombs and explosives so that local police agencies may be adequately prepared to handle any such matters which might arise under their jurisdiction.

There are contained in our Files Section the files of hundreds of thousands of individuals whose activities are of the greatest importance to the country today. The work of the Files Section and the records of that section which have to do not only with the investigation of kidnaping, extortion, bank robbery, and like cases but also the investigation of our espionage, sabotage, foreign agent cases, and others, are of course accessible to employees working in that unit. It is most essential that only the most trusted employees be so assigned.

B. 5.

The work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is of the utmost importance in the national defense. It is essential that thoroughly qualified personnel of the highest integrity and background be secured for every position in the Bureau. Our work is the guarding of the internal security of the country, not only in national defense matters, but in the control of those criminals who previously had terrorized the country in waves of bank robbery, kidnaping, extortion, white slavery, automobile theft, and numerous other crimes. There is no doubt whatsoever in the minds of law enforcement officials that should any group be permitted to have the assurance that their activities were being minimized during the present national emergency, we would have a tremendous country-wide wave of crime in that particular category in a very short period of time. It is, therefore, essential that from a national defense standpoint and from a public security standpoint the Bureau maintain its qualified staff at an absolute maximum in order to continue to have control of the criminal element under its jurisdiction.

I, J. Edgar Hoover, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of February, 1942

B. 7. a. b. c.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is primarily a service agency. We serve our Government and the public. We cannot determine the amount of work which is going to be referred to us. If there is a crime wave of local or national significance at any time the work of the Bureau is increased in comparison. Our identification, laboratory, and crime statistics facilities reflect very definitely the trends in the country. We must have available personnel to properly handle the thousands of fingerprint records being received by us daily. We are at the present time receiving approximately thirty-four thousand sets of prints daily. We must have a scientific staff in the laboratory to examine scientific evidence. We must have an investigative force of sufficient size to handle the work being referred to us. We must have a technical and supervisory staff of sufficient size to render the service to our investigative, identification, laboratory, and statistical staffs so that we may have the benefit of the wealth of information in our various files. The work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has increased so tremendously that every employee in the Bureau, regardless of his position, is performing a tremendous amount of overtime service. Our Special Agent investigators are performing no less than four hours a day overtime service. In the present emergency we have found it necessary to curtail leave because of inadequate personnel and many of our men have worked over long periods of time without having any time off for vacation.

D. 1.

The additional duties imposed upon the Bureau since the declaration of the national emergency have made it necessary that our staff be more than doubled. From the information furnished under sub-heading B, it will be seen that it is essential to carefully investigate every employee in the Bureau. All of our employees in the performance of their work at one time or the other has opportunity to observe and note the content of confidential investigative reports, the publication of which would be most detrimental to the national safety. We have had considerable difficulty in securing sufficient employees. We find that out of applicants who file application, we are successful in appointing about one out of every one hundred. It, therefore, means that if we lose an employee after he is fully investigated and is being given training or has been experienced, we must again consider on an average, one hundred persons before he can be replaced. In the accelerated program of the Government it is essential that the Federal Bureau of Investigation work at top speed to keep abreast of its duties and investigation of matters pertaining to national defense, its regular activities, and its most important and essential identification activities at this time.

D. 5.

At the present time the Federal Bureau of Investigation is employing additional qualified persons as rapidly as they can be found. The assembled Congress has in the past several months passed several bills which will increase even to a greater extent our present volume of work. The needs of the service as to employees fluctuate with the periods of stress in the country.

D. 6. a.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are given twelve weeks of training which embraces five hundred and thirty-five hours of study. During that period of time they are trained not only in investigative techniques and procedures but are qualified in the handling of firearms, mechanical devices, and technical devices in use by the Bureau. After entering the field service after training, their skill, of course, increases with their length of service in the field.

I, J. Edgar Hoover, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of February, 19 42.

NAME - Robert S. Strauss
DATE OF BIRTH - October 19, 1918
MARITAL STATUS - Married
LEGAL RESIDENCE - Dallas, Texas
TITLE - Special Agent
EDUCATION - LL.B.
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE - Lawyer
OFFICES OF PREFERENCE - San Antonio; Dallas; Oklahoma City

Strauss is 23, married, and comes from Dallas, Texas. He received his LL.B. Degree from the University of Texas in 1941 and since that time has been engaged in the practice of law in Dallas.

Strauss makes a good appearance, dresses well, and, although somewhat youthful, presents a rather mature appearance. He has had no trouble with the Bureau work. He possesses poise and displays interest and enthusiasm. He will develop into an average Agent rapidly.

An office in the midwestern part of the United States, around the Great Lakes, is recommended.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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February 28, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
Des Moines, Iowa

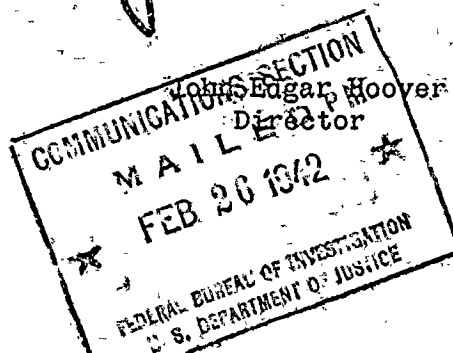
Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that Special Agent Robert S. Strauss, who entered on duty January 12, 1942, in Grade Caf-9, at a salary of \$3,200 per annum, has been directed to report to you for assignment. The training school terminates on April 4, 1942, on which date he will proceed to your division. You should advise the date of his arrival.

You are instructed to continue the training of the Agent so that he may receive experience in all branches of the work of the Bureau. In submitting special efficiency reports, in accordance with the provisions of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, you should include statements as to the kinds of cases on which the employee has been engaged, his ability or lack thereof in any certain phase of the work, and particularly his ability to perform more involved investigations, such as bankruptcy. It is further desired that you give your personal attention to the development of this employee along administrative and executive lines and that any pertinent information indicating possibilities for assignment to such work be reported to the Washington headquarters of the Bureau from time to time.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover



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Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Eganworth
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 20, 1941

Transmit the following message to:

DALLAS

SUBMIT TELETYPE SUMMARY SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTIGATION IMMEDIATELY, ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, WESTCHESTER APTS., FOUR SEVEN TWO ONE BOWSER ST., DALLAS, SA APPLICANT, YOUR FILE NUMBER SIX SEVEN DASH ONE TWO ONE SIX. EMPLOYED HAMILTON, HARRELL, HAMILTON AND TURNER, DALLAS, LAWYER, SINCE AUGUST, NINETEEN FORTYONE. ASCERTAIN REPUTATION FATHER, CHAS. H., AT STAMFORD, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO ANY PRO GERMAN TENDENCIES HE MAY HAVE. CONDUCT COMPLETE, THOROUGH, AND UP-TO-DATE CREDIT, CRIMINAL AND NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS AT ALL PLACES OF RESIDENCE.

HOOVER

CC SAN ANTONIO

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Drayton _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

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Per _____

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January 7, 1942

Honorable Sam Rayburn
The Speaker
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

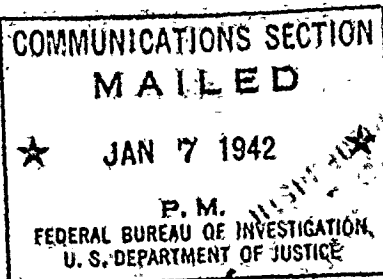
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With expressions of my highest esteem
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Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Holloman _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
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January 7, 1942

Dean Charles T. McCormick
School of Law
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

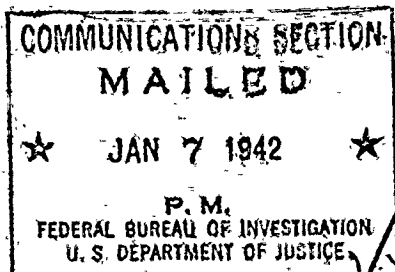
My dear Dean McCormick:

I am indeed pleased to inform you
that an appointment to the position of Special
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has been tendered to Mr. Robert S. Strauss of
Dallas, Texas, about whom you were interviewed
in connection with his application.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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RZ STRAUSS

Special Agent Applicant

March 16, 1942

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Robert Schwarz Strauss
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Strauss:

The Bureau is in receipt of the report of the physical examination afforded you at the United States Marine Hospital, Quantico, Virginia, on February 2, 1942.

This report reflects the following physical defects:

None

The Board of Examining Physicians makes the following recommendations:

Inoculation for typhoid.
Inoculation for tetanus.

It reports that you are capable of performing strenuous physical exertion, and have no physical defects that would interfere with your participation in raids or other work involving the practical use of firearms.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
For your information, it was determined during this examination that your blood is International Type

★ MAR 16 1942 P.M.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: Mr. Clegg
CC: Field Personnel File

Frank S. Stevens
Major, Army

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RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL AGENTS
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NAME ROBERT SCHWARTZ STRAUSS AGE 23 YEARS, 3 MONTHS
NATIVITY (state of birth) Texas MARRIED, SINGLE, WIDOWED: married NUMBER OF CHILDREN ==
FAMILY HISTORY Father age 55; Mother age 53; 1 brother

HISTORY OF ILLNESS OR INJURY usual childhood disease

HEAD AND FACE

EYES: PUPILS (size, shape, reaction to light and distance, etc.) N

DISTANT VISION RT. 20 /20, corrected to 20 /20

LT. 20 /20, corrected to 20 /20

COLOR PERCEPTION 20 - normal
(state edition of Stilling's plates or Lamps used)

DISEASE OF ANATOMICAL DEFECTS

EARS: HEARING RT. WHISPERED VOICE 15 /15' CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH 15 /15'

LT. WHISPERED VOICE 15 /15' CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH 15 /15'

DISEASE OR DEFECTS

NOSE

(Disease or anatomical defect, obstruction, etc. State degree)
SINUSES

REMARKS

TONGUE, PALATE, PHARYNX, LARYNX, TONSILS N

TEETH AND GUMS (disease or anatomical defect):

MISSING TEETH 1-14-16-19-30-

NONVITAL TEETH no

PERIAPICAL DISEASE no

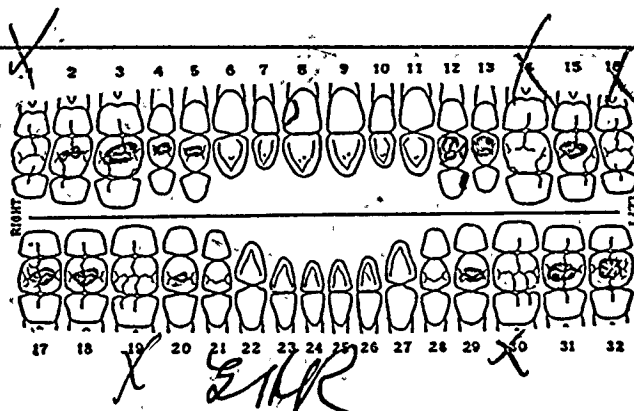
MARKED MALOCCLUSION no

PYORRHEA ALVEOLARIS no

TEETH REPLACED BY BRIDGES no

DENTURES no

REMARKS



(Signature of Dental Officer)

GENERAL BUILD AND APPEARANCE

TEMPERATURE 98.2

HEIGHT 70 3/4

WEIGHT 154 1/2 lbs

RECENT GAIN OR LOSS, AMOUNT AND CAUSE None

SKIN, HAIR, AND GLANDS N

NECK (abnormalities, thyroid gland, trachea, larynx) N

SPINE AND EXTREMITIES (bones, joints, muscles, feet) Normal

CHEST AT EXPIRATION 34 1/2"

CHEST AT INSPIRATION 37 1/2"

CIRCUMFERENCE OF ABDOMEN AT UMBILICUS 32 1/2"

RECENT GAIN OR LOSS, AMOUNT AND CAUSE None

SKIN, HAIR, AND GLANDS N

NECK (abnormalities, thyroid gland, trachea, larynx) N

SPINE AND EXTREMITIES (bones, joints, muscles, feet) Normal

THORAX (size, shape, movement, rib cage, mediastinum)
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM, BRONCHI, LUNGS, PLEURA, ETC.

CARDIO-VASCULAR SYSTEM

HEART (note all signs of cardiac involvement)

PULSE: BEFORE EXERCISE

AFTER EXERCISE

THREE MINUTES AFTER

CONDITION OF ARTERIES

CONDITION OF VEINS

BLOOD PRESSURE: SYSTOLIC
DIASTOLIC

CHARACTER OF PULSE

HEMORRHOIDS

ABDOMEN AND PELVIS (condition of wall, scars, hernia, abnormality of viscera)

GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM

URINALYSIS: SP. GR.

ALB.

SUGAR

MICROSCOPICAL

VENEREAL DISEASE

NERVOUS SYSTEM

ROMBERG

REFLEXES, SUPERFICIAL

SEROLOGICAL TESTS

ABNORMAL PSYCHE (neurasthenia, psychasthenia, depression, instability, worries)

(organic or functional disorders)

INCOORDINATION (gait, speech)

DEEP (knee, ankle, elbow)

BLOOD TYPE

TREMORS

SMALLPOX VACCINATION: DATE OF LAST VACCINATION

TYPHOID PROPHYLAXIS: NUMBER OF COURSES

DATE OF LAST COURSE

REMARKS ON ABNORMALITIES NOT OTHERWISE NOTED OR SUFFICIENTLY DESCRIBED ABOVE

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS

CAPABLE OF PERFORMING DUTIES INVOLVING

PHYSICAL EXERTION

IS THIS INDIVIDUAL PHYSICALLY FIT TO PARTICIPATE IN RAIDS AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS
WHICH MIGHT ENTAIL THE PRACTICAL USE OF FIREARMS (yes or no)

FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMARKS (as per boards, when necessary)

DATE OF EXAMINATION

NOTICE OF CLASSIFICATION

NOTE: Appeal from a classification by a Local Board or Board of Appeal must be made within five days from the date of this notice at the office of the Local Board.

Robert Schwartz Strauss

The person named herein whose Order No. is 2099

Has been classified by Local Board
Board of Appeals

In Class II-B until 6 months from date

Notify your employer of this classification

This card may be cut on dotted line for convenience in carrying.

D. S. S. Form 57

BE ALERT

Keep in touch with your Local Board

Notify it of any change of address

Notify it of any fact which might change your classification

Failure to notify the Board of these facts within five days of the happening thereof is an Act punishable by fine and imprisonment.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Des Moines, Iowa
May 26, 1942

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: ROBERT S. STRAUSS, SA
Special Efficiency Report

EOD 1-1242

Dear Sir:

Agent STRAUSS reported to this office on his first office of assignment from the Bureau's Training School on April 6, 1942.

This Agent presents a neat appearance and has a pleasant, friendly personality. He is enthusiastic, handles his cases with good judgment, makes a good investigation and his reports are well set up. He has no trouble in his dictation and considering his limited experience has a good knowledge of the Bureau's work and policies.

He has been willing and cooperative in all respects and seems to be anxious to develop himself. He has spent some time in the Headquarters City and recently has been handling a regular road territory. He does not seem to encounter any difficulty in his investigations and is willing to proceed ahead on his own initiative and responsibility with only the average amount of specific instruction and supervision.

There has been no opportunity for this Agent to testify. I have observed him on the firearms range and he handles firearms in a safe and capable manner. I think this Agent is developing satisfactorily and that with additional experience he will continue to make progress.

Very truly yours

J. L. DALTON
Special Agent in Charge

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April 23, 1942

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Special Agent in Charge
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith the field vocation records, personnel status reports, efficiency reports, reports of physical examinations, leave cards and fire-arms cards, for the following employees who entered on duty in the Bureau, as Special Agents, on January 12, and January 19, 1942:

John E. Gallivan

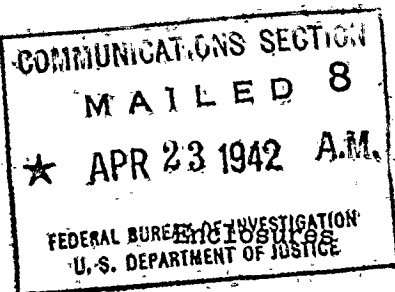
Robert S. Strauss

The efficiency reports are for your confidential information, and may be used by you as a guide in the future training of these employees. The vocation records, and the reports on personnel status, efficiency, and physical condition, should be placed in the Agents' Field Personnel Files.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NEW SPECIAL AGENTS - EFFICIENCY REPORT

Re: ROBERT S. STRAUSS

Mr. Tolson	TD-5
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Holloman	
Mr. McGuire	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Date Submitted April 13, 1942

Date of Training School 1-12-42 to 4-4-42

Age October 19, 1918

Legal Residence Dallas, Texas

Marital Status Married

Offices of Preference San Antonio; Dallas;
Oklahoma City

Assigned to Des Moines

Education:

LL.B.

Previous Experience:

Lawyer.

Training School Grades

Examination, Rules & Regulations	95 3/4	Auditory Test	Good
Examination, Manual of Instructions	91 1/2	Visual Memory Test	Good
Examination, National Defense	85 1/2	Auto Driving	Satisfactory
Laboratory Examination	93	Moot Court	Good
NMFTA Special Interview Test	Good	Uniform Crime Reporting	90
Searches at Crime Scene	Good	Practical Public Speaking	Fair
Fingerprint Identification	92	Practical Photo Problem	Above Average

Firearms Training

Hip Shooting:	94
Practical Pistol Course:	74
Shotgun:	80
.30 Rifle:	83
Machine Gun:	95

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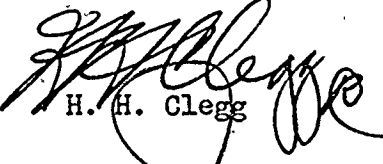
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Strauss is 23, married, and comes from Dallas, Texas. He received his LL.B. Degree from the University of Texas in 1941 and since that time has been engaged in the practice of law in Dallas.

Strauss makes a good appearance, dresses well, and, although somewhat youthful, presents a rather mature appearance. He has had no trouble with the Bureau work. He possesses poise and displays interest and enthusiasm. He will develop into an average Agent rapidly.

Very truly yours,


H. H. Clegg

April 18, 1942

Mr. Robert S. Strauss
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Des Moines, Iowa

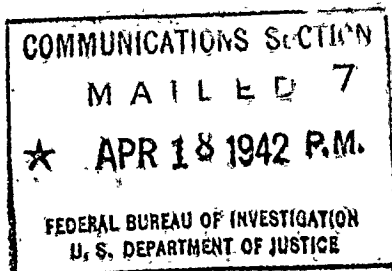
Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your contribution of \$5.00 to the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any participating Special Agent of the Bureau who dies, from any cause except self destruction, while employed as a Special Agent.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Post

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund subsequent to February 2, 1942, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of five dollars (\$5), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping, and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$5,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Helen J. Strauss Address 4405 De Londe
Dallas, Texas
Relationship Wife

Very truly yours,

Albert L. Strauss
Special Agent



Des Moines
ack. 4-18-42
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
Quantico, Virginia
March 13, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Re: Special Agent ROBERT S. STRAUSS
New Agents Class No. 13
1/12/42--4/4/42

I hereby certify that the above-named Special Agent is qualified in the use of all Bureau firearms and that he has made qualifying scores in each required firearms course.

Respectfully,

W. H. Egan

MAR 23 1942

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Des Moines, Iowa
July 22, 1942

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END 1-12-42

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: SPECIAL AGENT ROBERT S. STRAUSS
SPECIAL EFFICIENCY REPORT

Dear Sir:

In view of this agent's transfer to the Cincinnati Office, this special efficiency report is being submitted. Agent STRAUSS reported to this office on his first office of assignment from the Bureau's Training School on April 6, 1942.

This agent spent the major portion of his time on the road and handled a regular territory assigned to him. He handled all the ordinary investigations arising in that District. His investigations were thorough, and his reports were usually well set up. He has no trouble in dictating and has a good knowledge of the Bureau's work and policies. Agent STRAUSS' attitude was good, he worked hard and put in a substantial amount of overtime. He handles his cases with good judgment, energy, and enthusiasm. His work needed only about the average amount of supervision, and he was willing to proceed ahead on his own initiative and responsibility.

Agent STRAUSS presents a neat appearance and has a pleasant, friendly personality. There was no opportunity for this agent to testify in open court. On the firearms range, he handled firearms in a safe and capable manner. His ability in the use of the technical equipment is about average. All in all, I think that Agent STRAUSS made good progress while in this District and that, with additional experience in the field, he will continue to develop.

Very truly yours,

J. L. Dalton
J. L. DALTON
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT OF REGULAR () ; INTERIM ()
PROBATIONARY-1ST () 2d ()
EFFICIENCY RATING

Classification Symbols		
CAF 9		
(Service)	(Grade)	(Class)

As of 3/31/42 based on performance during period from 1/12/42 to 3/31/42

Robert S. Strauss Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigation
(Name of employee) (Title of position) (Bureau)

(Division) (Section) (Subsection or unit) (Field office)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE ✓ if adequate - if weak + if outstanding	1. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position.	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning <input type="checkbox"/> All others <input type="checkbox"/>
	2. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning employees on all elements pertinent to the position whether in <i>italics</i> or not.	
	3. Before rating, become thoroughly familiar with instructions in the rating manual.	

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| ----- (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments. | ----- (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs. |
| ----- (2) Mechanical skill. | ----- (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs. |
| ----- (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures. | ----- (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures. |
| ----- (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work). | ----- (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates. |
| ----- (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments. | ----- (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates. |
| ----- (6) Attention to pertinent detail. | ----- (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work. |
| ----- (7) Accuracy of operations. | ----- (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale. |
| ----- (8) Accuracy of final results. | ----- (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs. |
| ----- (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions. | ----- (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines. |
| ----- (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts. | ----- (30) Ability to make decisions. |
| ----- (11) Industry. | ----- (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act. |
| ----- (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments. | |
| ----- (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? -----) (Yes or no) | |
| ----- (14) Ability to organize his work. | |
| ----- (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others. | |
| ----- (16) Cooperativeness. | |
| ----- (17) Initiative. | |
| ----- (18) Resourcefulness. | |
| ----- (19) Dependability. | |
| ----- (20) Physical fitness for the work. | |

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

----- (A) -----
----- (B) -----
----- (C) -----

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STANDARD		Adjective rating	Numerical rating
Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form			
All underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Excellent		1
A majority of underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Very good		2 or 3
All underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks fully compensated by plus marks, or a majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks on underlined elements over-compensated by plus marks on underlined elements	Good		4, 5, or 6
A majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks not fully compensated by plus marks	Fair	X	7 or 8
A majority of underlined elements marked minus	Unsatisfactory		9

Rating official 1942
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On the whole, do you consider the conduct of this employee to be satisfactory? Yes (See back of form)
(Yes or no)

Rated by [Signature] Assistant Director 7/27/42
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)

Reviewed by [Signature] (Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee JUL 30 1942 Report to employee [Signature]
(Date) (Adjective rating) (Numerical rating)

NAME OF AGENT	<u>ROBERT S. STRAUSS</u> - Special Agent
ENTERED ON DUTY	January 12, 1942
SALARY	\$3200 -- CAF 9
OFFICE OF PREFERENCE	San Antonio Dallas Oklahoma City
EXAMINATIONS	Manual of Rules and Regulations - 95% Manual of Instructions - 92%

COMMENTS BY SAC J. L. DALTON:

This is Agent STRAUSS' first office of assignment. He presents a neat appearance and has an average personality. He is enthusiastic and seems to be intelligent and sincere. He is quite immature in appearance and needs considerable seasoning and roughening up in the field in order to develop him. He is capable at this time of handling the routine assignments and in general he handles his work in a satisfactory manner. At this time I would rate him as fair. I think he has made good progress and has fair possibilities for further development.

COMMENTS BY INSPECTOR BRANTLEY:

This employee is 23 years of age, married, has no children. He likes his work, is enthusiastic, mentally alert and had no complaints to make. He is a good conversationalist; appears cooperative and has a good personal appearance. It is believed he will develop into a Special Agent above average in ability.

Inspection Report -- Des Moines Office
June 8 to 13, 1942
Inspector Dwight Brantley

REPORT OF
EFFICIENCY RATING

REGULAR () : INTERIM (X)
PROBATIONARY—1ST () 2D ()

1-12-42
Classification Symbols
CAF 9
(Service) (Grade) (Class)

As of August 24, 1942 based on performance during period from July 14, 1942 to August 24, 1942

ROBERT S. STRAUSS SPECIAL AGENT FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
(Name of employee) (Title of position) (Bureau)

CINCINNATI, OHIO
(Field office)

(Division) (Section) (Subsection or unit)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE ✓ if adequate - if weak + if outstanding	1. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 2. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning employees on all elements pertinent to the position whether in <i>italics</i> or not. 3. Before rating, become thoroughly familiar with instructions in the rating manual.	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning <input type="checkbox"/> All others <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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| ----- (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments. | ----- (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs. |
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| ----- (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures. | ----- (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures. |
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| ----- (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? (Yes or no)) | |
| ----- (14) Ability to organize his work. | |
| ----- (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others. | |
| ----- (16) Cooperativeness. | |
| ----- (17) Initiative. | |
| ----- (18) Resourcefulness. | |
| ----- (19) Dependability. | |
| ----- (20) Physical fitness for the work. | |

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(C) FL

7-13 Employee's Initials STANDARD
Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form

All underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Adjective rating Excellent.....	Numerical rating 1	Rating official	Adjective rating GOOD	Numerical rating
A majority of underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Very good.....	2 or 3			
All underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks fully compensated by plus marks, or a majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks on underlined elements over-compensated by plus marks on underlined elements	Good.....	4, 5, or 6	Reviewing official		
A majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks not fully compensated by plus marks	Fair.....	7 or 8			
A majority of underlined elements marked minus	Unsatisfactory.....	9			

On the whole, do you consider the conduct of this employee to be satisfactory? Yes (See back of form)
(Yes or no)

Rated by W. C. Sullivan Special Agent in Charge August 24, 1942
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)

Reviewed by _____
(Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee _____ Report to employee _____
(Date) (Adjective rating) (Numerical rating)

Re: ROBERT S. STRAUSS
SPECIAL AGENT
45-DAY EFFICIENCY REPORT

Special Agent ROBERT S. STRAUSS is in his second office of assignment and since being in this district has been almost exclusively assigned to the development of confidential plant informants. He has handled this assignment in a satisfactory manner and has exhibited a proper degree of enthusiasm and initiative. This agent presents a good personal appearance, is neat in dress, and has a good personality. As a result of an examination given him on the Manual of Rules and Regulations, it is indicated that he has a satisfactory knowledge of the Bureau's policies and procedures. He has acquired qualifying scores during the firearms training period but is below the average on the Practical Pistol Course and the use of the Rifle. The services of this agent have been satisfactory and he will continue to progress in the Bureau.

Agent STRAUSS is presently absent from his headquarters city and has not had an opportunity to read this report. The same will be exhibited to him at an early date and the Bureau appropriately advised.

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September 2, 1942

Mr. Raymond G. Suran
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1277
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Suran:

Reference is made to your letter of August 25, 1942, wherein you recommend R. G. Strauds be designated as a Resident Agent at Columbus, Ohio. You are advised that the Bureau approves this recommendation and necessary letters have been prepared today effecting this change.

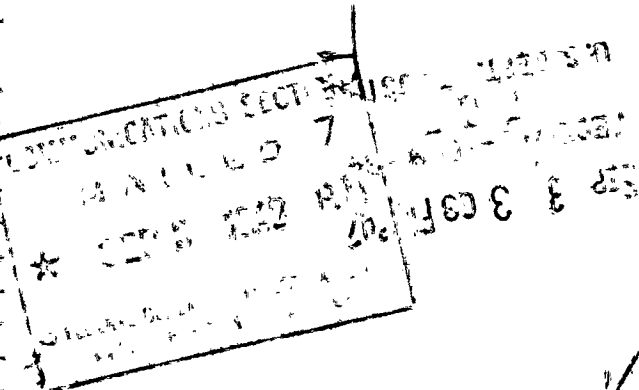
It is desired that you immediately advise the Bureau as to the amount of work pending in the Columbus area and whether more Agent personnel is needed there.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC-Cincinnati
Mr. Glavin

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Kramer _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____



**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

~~P. O. Box 1277
Cincinnati, Ohio~~

RCS:RW

August 25, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: ROBERT S. STRAUSS
SPECIAL AGENT

Campbell
J.C. Wirt.

Dear Sir:

Special Agent ROBERT S. STRAUSS has been working in Columbus, Ohio, since July 17, 1942. His services have been satisfactory and in view of the fact that it will be necessary to increase the number of Special Agents now assigned to Columbus, Ohio, it is recommended that Special Agent STRAUSS be designated as a Resident Agent at Columbus.

Very truly yours,

R. C. Suran
R. C. SURAN
Special Agent in Charge

*OK
He should find out
just how much
work is pending at
Columbus.*

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August 23, 1942

Local Board Number 1
Selective Service System
Anson, Texas

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Selective Service status of Mr. Robert S. Strauss who is duly registered at your Board as Order Number 2092. You will recall that D.S.S. Form 42-A was furnished to your Board requesting that he be granted occupational deferment, and as a result thereof, he was placed in Class II-3.

Mr. Strauss is still employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and it has been impossible during the deferment period to effect any replacement for him. As you have been previously advised, he has been employed in this Bureau since January 12, 1942, and is a trained Special Agent. I desire to call your attention to Local Board Release Number 75, issued by General Hershoy of National Selective Service Headquarters under date of December 29, 1941, advising your Board that the above listed position is one of the critical positions in this Bureau and requesting your cooperation in granting deferment whenever possible to do so. His removal from induction at this time would cause an impairment of the work of the Bureau now performing in order to guarantee the internal security of this country. I desire, therefore, to request that Mr. Strauss be granted additional deferment in Class II-3.

I appreciate your previous cooperation in this matter, and should there be any additional information you may desire with regard to this case, please do not hesitate to call upon me. Of course, I shall keep you promptly advised as to any change in the occupational status of this registrant.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: SAC Cincinnati

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
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Mr. Coffey _____
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Mr. Kramer _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1277
Cincinnati, Ohio

RCS:RW
67-3701

August 28, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

EOD 1-12-42

Re: ROBERT S. STRAUSS
SPECIAL AGENT
45-DAY EFFICIENCY REPORT

Dear Sir:

This is to advise the Bureau that Special Agent ROBERT S. STRAUSS has read the efficiency report prepared by me concerning him under date of August 24, 1942, and has initialed the original of this letter indicating that fact.

Very truly yours,



R.S.S.
Employee's Initial

4 SEP 9 1942
R. C. SURAN
Special Agent in Charge
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THREE

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September 2, 1942

Mr. Robert S. Strauss
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1277
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Strauss:

You are hereby designated a Resident Agent at Columbus, Ohio. As a consequence thereof your headquarters are hereby changed from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Columbus, Ohio, effective this date.

In the event any expenses will be incurred by you in the transfer of your household furniture and personal effects in connection with this transfer, it is desired that the Bureau be furnished immediately with the approximate cost involved. This information is essential for budget and appropriation purposes.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
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CC-Cincinnati

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

It is desired that you advise the Bureau as to the date of Agent Strauss's arrival in Columbus and furnish his residence address and telephone number there.

Mr. W. C. Jackson

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September 17, 1942

Local Board Number 1
Selective Service System
Court House
Anson, Texas

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your communication of September 4, 1942, with regard to the Selective Service status of Mr. Robert S. Strauss, who is duly registered at your Board as Order Number 2099.

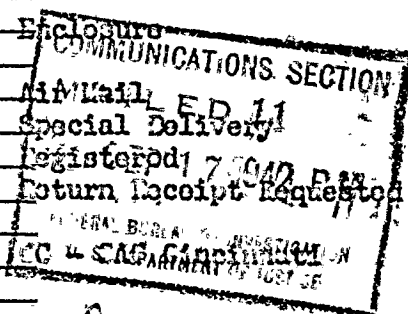
In accordance with your request, I am transmitting herewith an appropriate copy of D.S.S. Form 42-A which has been executed by me in duplicate under date of September 12, 1942.

I want you to know that it is my desire to cooperate with your Board in every possible way and, of course, I shall keep you promptly advised should there be any change whatsoever in the occupational status of this registrant with this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
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Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
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Miss Gandy _____



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AFFIDAVIT TO SUPPORT CLAIM FOR OCCUPATIONAL DEFERMENT

INSTRUCTIONS.—This form is to be filled out by an employer or other person who has knowledge of the registrant's eligibility for Class II deferment as a necessary man in his civilian occupation or activity. If the registrant owns and operates his own business, he may fill out this form himself.

All parts except Part E should be filled out for a registrant engaged in a business, occupation, or profession.

Parts A, E, F, G, and H should be filled out for a registrant pursuing a course of instruction in preparation for work necessary to the War Production Program.

A. IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTRANT:

1. Local Board No. 1 Jones Anson Texas
(County) (City) (State)

2. Name of registrant ROBERT S. STRAUSS Order No. 2099

B. INDUSTRY, BUSINESS, OR SERVICE IN WHICH REGISTRANT IS ENGAGED:

1. Name of firm, corporation, partnership, etc. Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice
2. Description of industry or other activity See attachment
3. Is the activity seasonal? No If so, what is the season? _____
4. Has your product or service any relationship to the War Production Program? Yes If so, specify As mentioned under B. 2, the Bureau has investigative jurisdiction over all violations pertaining to the internal security of the United States.
5. Is your product or service necessary to the health, safety or interest of the community or the Nation? Yes If so, specify See attachment
6. (a) Have you any War Production contracts or subcontracts? _____ If so, specify _____
- (b) Do any of the above contracts carry specific priority ratings? _____ If so, specify _____
7. Approximate percentage of product or service currently produced for use of—
- (a) The general public _____
- (b) The Government See attachment
- (c) A primary contractor of the Government _____ Explain item (c) here _____

8. If an agricultural pursuit, state
(a) Size and type of farm.....
(b) Number of acres under cultivation Number of livestock, poultry, etc.
(c) Principal product
(d) Number of persons employed for wages

C. OCCUPATION OF REGISTRANT:

1. What is the title of his present job or position? Special Agent
2. On what date did he enter upon present duties? January 12, 1942
3. What is his weekly rate of pay? \$ 3200 annually (CONFIDENTIAL)
4. Is he a—
(Check one) { ☒ Regular employee. ☐ Other (specify):
 { ☐ Seasonal employee.
 { ☐ Temporary or occasional employee.
5. Has he a journeyman rating?
6. Is he—
(Check one) { ☐ Skilled. See attachment D. 6. a.
 { ☐ Semiskilled. ☐ Unskilled.
(a) Is he in training as an apprentice or learner?
(b) How long has he been in such training? (State which)
(c) On what date will he complete his training?
(d) For what work is he preparing?
7. (a) Give an ACCURATE and FULL description of his duties. (If possible use United States Employment Service job specifications) See attachments B. 2 and D. 6. a.
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(b) On what specific product or service is he primarily engaged? See attachment B. 2
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8. Is the registrant trained or experienced in more highly skilled work than that in which he is now engaged?
If so, specify

D. DATA RELATIVE TO "NECESSITY" OF THE REGISTRANT:
(See last page of this form for definitions of "necessary man" and regulations regarding deferment.)

1. Have you had difficulty in recruiting workers with the registrant's qualifications or skill? Yes If so, explain action taken, and results See attachment
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2. Do you anticipate that you would have difficulty in recruiting workers with the registrant's qualifications or skill now or in the future? Yes If so, upon what grounds do you base your anticipation? See attachment D. 1
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3. Would the registrant's removal cause a material loss of effectiveness in your activity? Yes If so, upon what grounds do you base your statement? See attachments D. 1 and D. 5

4. Would the registrant's removal cause such a serious interruption or delay in your activity that it would impede the War Production program? Yes If so, upon what grounds do you base your statement? See attachments D. 1 and D. 5

5. (a) How many persons of similar skill or training do you employ? 4354
(b) Are you expanding that part of your business that requires the services of the registrant's special qualifications or skill? Yes If so, specify in detail See attachment

6. (a) How long does it take to train a person in the registrant's qualifications or skill? See attachment and remarks
(b) How many persons are you now training in these qualifications or skill to replace separated workers? To fill newly created jobs? 300

E. STUDENTS AND OTHERS IN TRAINING:

(To be filled in by appropriate official of school or institution.)

1. Name and type of school or institution _____
(Type) _____ Location _____ (Name) _____
2. Designation of course pursued by registrant _____ (City) _____ (State) _____
3. For what certificate or license (if any) is he preparing? _____
4. Length of time already spent in course _____
5. How has he progressed to date? _____
6. On what date do you expect the registrant to complete this training? _____
7. Has he offers or contracts of employment after completing the course? _____ If so, specify _____

F. EMPLOYER'S (OR SCHOOL OFFICIAL'S) STIPULATION:

1. Based on the definitions given below in "Excerpts from Selective Service Regulations," I/we recommend classifying this registrant in Class II-B
(II-A or II-B)
2. Deferment of this registrant is requested for Indefinite
(Length of time)
3. It is agreed that I/we will notify registrant's Local Board of the resignation, dismissal, failure to make progress in training, or a change in the nature of the employment of the above-named registrant.
4. The registrant is not related to any of the executive officers of this employing unit. The above relationship, if any, is _____
(Is, is not)

G. REMARKS: It will be noted that Mr. Strauss is presently performing duties in a position which has been designated as critical to the effective functioning of this Bureau by General Hershey of the National Selective Service Headquarters in Local Board Release Number 75, which was issued under date of December 29, 1941.

H. JURAT:

I, J. Edgar Hoover do solemnly swear (or affirm) that
(Name)
I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
(Official position) (Name of employing unit, or school or institution)
and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of September, 19 42

(Signature)

(Signature of official administering oath)

(Official designation of official administering oath)

THE OATH REQUIRED BY THIS FORM MAY BE ADMINISTERED BY—

1. Any civil officer authorized to administer oaths generally.
 2. Any commissioned officer of the land or naval forces assigned for duty with the Selective Service System.
 3. Any member or clerk of a local board or board of appeal.
 4. Any government appeal agent or associate government appeal agent.
 5. Any member or associate member of an advisory board for registrants.
 6. Any postmaster, acting postmaster, or assistant postmaster.
- No fee shall be charged by any person for administering the oath required on this form.

EXCERPTS FROM SELECTIVE SERVICE REGULATIONS

622.21 Class II-A: Man necessary in his civilian activity.—(a) In Class II-A shall be placed any registrant found to be a "necessary man" in any industry, business, employment, agricultural pursuit, governmental service, or any other service or endeavor, or in training or preparation therefor, the maintenance of which is essential to the national health, safety, or interest.

(b) Class II-A deferments shall be for the period of 6 months or less as may be deemed necessary to secure or train a replacement for the registrant. If there is a change in the registrant's status during the period of his deferment in Class II-A, his classification shall be reopened and considered anew. At the expiration of the period of the registrant's deferment in Class II-A, his classification shall be reopened, and he shall be classified anew. When the registrant is classified anew, he shall not be again placed in Class II-A unless such classification is warranted, and in addition, the registrant or the registrant's employer convinces the local board, or the board of appeal (if an appeal is taken), or the President (if an appeal is permitted and is taken) that a reasonable but unsuccessful effort has been made during the period of deferment to secure or to train a replacement. If these conditions are met and the registrant is again placed in Class II-A, such further deferment shall be for the period of 6 months or less as may be deemed necessary to secure or train a replacement. The same rule shall be applied when again classifying such a registrant at the end of each successive period for which he has been classified in Class II-A.

622.22 Class II-B: Man necessary to the War Production Program.—(a) In Class II-B shall be placed any registrant found to be a "necessary man" in any industry, business, employment, agricultural pursuit, governmental service, or in any other service or endeavor, or in training or preparation therefor, the maintenance of which is necessary to the war production program.

(b) Class II-B deferments shall be for a period of 6 months or less. If there is a change in the registrant's status during the period of deferment in Class II-B, his classification shall be reopened and considered anew. At the expiration of the period of the registrant's deferment in Class II-B, his classification shall be reopened, and he shall be classified anew. In again classifying the registrant, care should be taken not to impede the war production program. The registrant should be again classified in Class II-B for a period of 6 months or less if such classification is warranted and if the registrant's employer has made a reasonable but unsuccessful effort to secure or train a replacement for the registrant during the period of deferment. The same rule shall be applied when again classifying such a registrant at the end of each successive period for which he has been classified in Class II-B.

622.23 General rules for classification in Class II-A and Class II-B.—(a) On the local board is placed the primary responsibility of deciding which men should be deferred because of their civilian activities. It is in the national interest and of paramount importance to our national defense that civilian activities which are directly contributing to the war effort or which are otherwise essential to the national health, safety, or interest, should be maintained where possible, consistent with the fundamental purposes of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended.

(b) No deferment from training and service shall be made in the case of any individual except upon the basis of the status of such individual, and no deferment shall be made of individuals by occupational groups or groups of individuals in any plant or institution.

(c) The local board may avail itself of the assistance of all Federal, State, or local agencies (such as the Office of Production Management Labor Supply Committees, State and Federal employment services, State occupational advisors, county agricultural agents, or others) to obtain information in cases of occupational deferments.

622.24 "Necessary man" defined.—A registrant shall be considered a "necessary man" in industry, business, employment, agricultural pursuit, governmental service, or in any other service or endeavor, including training or preparation therefor, only when all of these conditions exist: (1) He is, or but for a seasonal or temporary interruption would be, engaged in such activity; (2) he cannot be replaced because of a shortage of persons with his qualifications or skill in such activity; and (3) his removal would cause a serious loss of effectiveness in such activity.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been designated as the sole civilian Government investigative agency, having jurisdiction over the investigation of matters pertaining to the national defense, that is, espionage, sabotage, registration of agents of foreign principals and the like. Further, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has sole investigative jurisdiction in a great number of other Federal statutes which embrace bank robbery, kidnaping, extortion, white slave traffic, the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and numerous others. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has also been designated by Congress as the agency officially responsible for the tabulation and dissemination of police statistics for the entire country. Under an Act of Congress these statistics are gathered and are distributed to thousands of interested police and affiliated agencies each quarter so that trends of crime, crime records, and crime control can be known to those to whom it is of most interest. Further than this, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been designated as the agency having jurisdiction over the classification and maintenance of fingerprint records, not only on a national basis, but on an international basis. We have some forty-six million sets of fingerprints on hand today. We are receiving the fingerprint records of all persons enlisted or being inducted into the Army and enlisted in other military services. Thousands of persons in public utility positions are fingerprinted and the prints are retained in our files. Those working in national defense industries on many occasions are fingerprinted, their prints being included in our files. Our Government employees' prints are included. We are receiving thousands of criminal fingerprints from all police agencies in the country daily and it is essential that we immediately be able to notify the arresting agency of the criminal record of the individual because he may be wanted for more serious crimes in other sections of the country and if he is to be released on a mere vagrancy or other charge, he may be set free to continue his depredations on society. This Bureau, together with many other foreign countries, participates in the international exchange of fingerprints. Hundreds of international crooks are brought to task yearly through the media of this service we have rendered.

Our Criminology Laboratory handles the scientific examination of evidence in cases investigated by the Federal and local law enforcement agencies. A great deal of their work is done in the examination of suspected sabotage cases at the present time. The scientists in that Laboratory have lectured throughout the country on bombs and explosives so that local police agencies may be adequately prepared to handle any such matters which might arise under their jurisdiction.

There are contained in our Files Section the files of hundreds of thousands of individuals whose activities are of the greatest importance to the country today. The work of the Files Section and the records of that section which have to do not only with the investigation of kidnaping, extortion, bank robbery, and like cases but also the investigation of our espionage, sabotage, foreign agent cases, and others, are of course accessible to employees working in that unit. It is most essential that only the most trusted employees be so assigned.

B. 5.

The work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is of the utmost importance in the national defense. It is essential that thoroughly qualified personnel of the highest integrity and background be secured for every position in the Bureau. Our work is the guarding of the internal security of the country, not only in national defense matters, but in the control of those criminals who previously had terrorized the country in waves of bank robbery, kidnaping, extortion, white slavery, automobile theft, and numerous other crimes. There is no doubt whatsoever in the minds of law enforcement officials that should any group be permitted to have the assurance that their activities were being minimized during the present national emergency, we would have a tremendous country-wide wave of crime in that particular category in a very short period of time. It is, therefore, essential that from a national defense standpoint and from a public security standpoint the Bureau maintain its qualified staff at an absolute maximum in order to continue to have control of the criminal element under its jurisdiction.

I, J. Edgar Hoover, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of September, 1942

B. 7. a. b. c.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is primarily a service agency. We serve our Government and the public. We cannot determine the amount of work which is going to be referred to us. If there is a crime wave of local or national significance at any time the work of the Bureau is increased in comparison. Our identification, laboratory, and crime statistics facilities reflect very definitely the trends in the country. We must have available personnel to properly handle the thousands of fingerprint records being received by us daily. We are at the present time receiving approximately one hundred and twenty thousand sets of prints daily. We must have a scientific staff in the laboratory to examine scientific evidence. We must have an investigative force of sufficient size to handle the work being referred to us. We must have a technical and supervisory staff of sufficient size to render the service to our investigative, identification, laboratory, and statistical staffs so that we may have the benefit of the wealth of information in our various files. The work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has increased so tremendously that every employee in the Bureau, regardless of his position, is performing a tremendous amount of overtime service. Our Special Agent investigators are performing no less than four hours a day overtime service. In the present emergency we have found it necessary to curtail leave because of inadequate personnel and many of our men have worked over long periods of time without having any time off for vacation.

D. 1.

The additional duties imposed upon the Bureau since the declaration of the national emergency have made it necessary that our staff be more than doubled. From the information furnished under sub-heading B, it will be seen that it is essential to carefully investigate every employee in the Bureau. All of our employees in the performance of their work at one time or the other have opportunity to observe and note the content of confidential investigative reports, the publication of which would be most detrimental to the national safety. We have had considerable difficulty in securing sufficient employees. We find that out of applicants who file application, we are successful in appointing about one out of every one hundred. It, therefore, means that if we lose an employee after he is fully investigated and is being given training or has been experienced, we must again consider on an average, one hundred persons before he can be replaced. In the accelerated program of the Government it is essential that the Federal Bureau of Investigation work at top speed to keep abreast of its duties and investigation of matters pertaining to national defense, its regular activities, and its most important and essential identification activities at this time.

D. 5.

At the present time the Federal Bureau of Investigation is employing additional qualified persons as rapidly as they can be found. The assembled Congress has in the past several months passed several bills which will increase even to a greater extent our present volume of work. The needs of the service as to employees fluctuate with the periods of stress in the country.

D. 6. a.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are given twelve weeks of training which embraces five hundred and thirty-five hours of study. During that period of time they are trained not only in investigative techniques and procedures but are qualified in the handling of firearms, mechanical devices, and technical devices in use by the Bureau. After entering the field service after training, their skill, of course, increases with their length of service in the field.

I, J. Edgar Hoover, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of September, 19 42

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Local Board No. 1 85
Jones County, 255
Sept. 4, 1942. 001

Court House
Anson, Texas
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Re: Robert S. Strauss
Order No. 2099

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of August 28th, regarding the above named registrant and in which you requested his classification remain II-B.

The Jones County Local Board will appreciate you filing D.S.S. Form 42-A in duplicate, asking for additional deferment, and they will then be glad to give consideration to this case.

We find Mr. Strauss was given II-B classification on March 9, 1942, for six months, which will be out Sept. 9, 1942.

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Yours very truly,

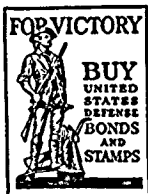
Jones County Local Board,

By *Ma Denny*
Clerk.

[Signature]

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NOTICE OF CONTINUATION OF CLASSIFICATION

Robert Schwartz Strauss

SEP 24 '42

The classification of the person named herein, whose order number is 2099 has been continued by

Local Board



in Class

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Board of Appeals



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Member of Local Board

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
October 8, 1942

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Tele. Room _____
Tour Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Beahm _____
Miss Gandy _____

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GLAVIN

RE: ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS
Special Agent

Entered on duty	1/12/42
Reported to field	4/6/42
Present grade and salary	CAF-9 \$3200
Last salary change	
Accounting course	Not enrolled
Marksmanship	Sharpshooter
Qualified in all firearms:	Yes
Failed to qualify with:	None

REMARKS

At the conclusion of his training period, Mr. Clegg said that he made a good appearance, dressed well and although somewhat youthful, presented a rather mature appearance; that he had had no trouble with the Bureau work; that he possessed poise and displayed interest and enthusiasm; and that he would develop into an average agent rapidly. On 3/31/42 Mr. Clegg gave him an adjective rating of fair.

On 4/6/42 he was assigned to the Des Moines Office. On 5/26/42 SAC Dalton said that he was enthusiastic, handled his cases with good judgment, made a good investigation and his reports were well set up; that he had had no trouble in his dictation and considering his limited experience had a good knowledge of the Bureau's work and policies; that he had been willing and cooperative and seemed to be anxious to develop himself; and it was believed that he was developing satisfactorily and with additional experience he would continue to make progress.

During an inspection of the Des Moines Office from 6/8 to 6/13/42 Inspector Brantley said that he liked his work, was enthusiastic, mentally alert and had no complaints to make; that he was a good conversationalist; appeared cooperative and had a good personal appearance; and it was believed that he would develop into a special agent above average in ability.

On 7/13/42 he was transferred to the Cincinnati Office. On 7/22/42 SAC Dalton said that his investigations were thorough, and his reports were usually well set up; that he had had no trouble in dictating and had a good knowledge of the Bureau's work and policies; that he handled his cases with good judgment, energy and enthusiasm; that his work needed only about the average amount of supervision and he was willing to proceed ahead on his own initiative and responsibility; and that with additional experience in the field, he would continue to develop.

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On 8/24/42 SAC Suran gave him an adjective rating of good and said that he had been assigned to the development of confidential plant informants; that he had handled this assignment in a satisfactory manner and had exhibited a proper degree of enthusiasm and initiative; that he had acquired qualifying scores during the firearms training period but was below average on the practical pistol course and the use of the rifle; that his services had been satisfactory and he would continue to progress in the Bureau. On 9/2/42 he was designated resident agent at Columbus, Ohio.

I recommend grade CAF-10 at \$3500 per annum.

Respectfully,

H. H. Huston
Harris H. Huston

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*From letter
sent 10-31-42
Jrg/Emm*

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11/16/42

November 16, 1942

Mr. Robert S. Strauss
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
637 U. S. Post Office & Court House
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Strauss:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter
of October 22, 1942.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in forward-
ing this information. Your offer of your services in
the work described by you will be made a matter of record
for consideration.

Very truly yours,

[Handwritten signature]

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Columbus, Ohio
October 22, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I write this letter in regard to the following matter, having discussed same with Mr. R. C. SURAN, Special Agent in Charge, Cincinnati, Ohio, and having received his authorization to so act.

I am vitally interested in the S. I. S. Field and have reason to believe that there are certain circumstances which would make my services a worthwhile one. I submit the following thoughts that I have had upon the subject for your evaluation.

It has occurred to me that there are probably more Jewish refugees in South America than any other place, and that practically all of them are from Germany. This, therefore, would be an unusually easy place for foreign agents, under the guise of refugees, to enter. It so happens that my father-in-law is one of the leaders on the Joint Distribution Committee, which is the central Jewish Welfare Agency that has for the past years been extremely active in helping Jewish refugees escape from Germany and furnishing them with funds and transportation. The organization also helps them to get settled in other countries. I, too, have in a small way become familiar with its background and its workings. I am convinced that I would be able to become attached to their staff in a fictitious capacity which could take me to whatever part of the globe that is desirable, and through this contact, I could come in contact with many German refugees, both Jewish and otherwise. It occurs to me that this could be an excellent source of securing information and unlimited informants, which, I feel sure, is of great need in this work. It is my belief that this type of contact could be invaluable in many respects, and if the Bureau so desires, I am eager to accept such an appointment. I am married, with no children, and it is probable that my wife could be a great asset in such work. Particularly, since she has taken an active part in the workings of the above-mentioned agency and also has studied French and Spanish. Such being the case, I could take her along if considered advisable.

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I have, naturally, not discussed this matter with my father-in-law nor anyone else, but could get much more information in this regard if deemed advisable by the Bureau.

I do not discuss it further in this letter, but submit this introduction to the matter for your attention, and shall eagerly look forward to hearing from you at your convenience, and the possibility of discussing it further in person with the proper Bureau official.

Respectfully,

Robert S. Strauss

ROBERT S. STRAUSS
Special Agent

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

rhz
Mr.
Miss
Mrs.

Date

New appointment ☐Transfer ☐Promotion ☐Separation ☐

PRESENT STATUS

1. Title: _____ 2. Grade: _____
3. Salary: Special Agent 4. Seat of Government: ☐
Field: ☐
5. Division: Field Division 6. Appropriation: F

PROPOSED ACTION

7. Title: _____ 8. Grade: _____
9. Salary: Special Agent 10. Seat of Government: ☐
Field: CAP 10 ☐
11. Division: Field Division 12. Appropriation: F
13. Effective: _____
14. Position: Vice: _____
Identical: _____
15. Remarks: October 16, 1942

"Salaries and Expenses, FBI"
(National Defense)"Salaries and Expenses, FBI"
Additional (National Defense)John J. Murray-Transferred-
6-18-42

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
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(Title)

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Mr. Robert S. Strauss
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1277
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Strauss:

It is with pleasure that I am enclosing a letter from the Attorney General advising you of your promotion from Special Agent, \$3200 per annum in Grade CAF 9 to Special Agent, \$3500 per annum in Grade CAF 10, effective October 16, 1942.

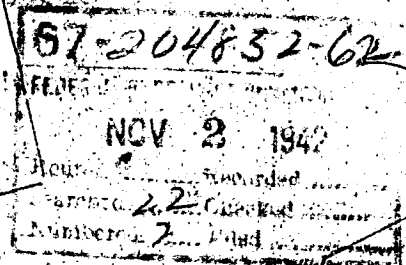
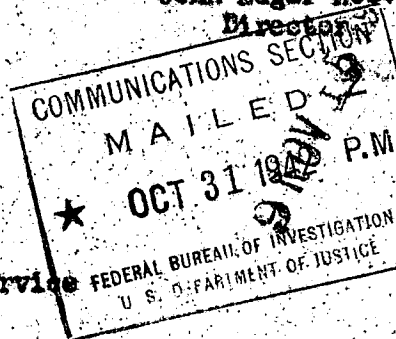
Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

CC:SAC Cincinnati

CCO-Selective Service



Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 11, 1942.

Mr. Robert S. Strauss,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice.

Dear Mr. Strauss:

You are hereby transferred from one position to another in
the Federal Bureau of Investigation as indicated:

From

Position: Special Agent
Assignment:
Grade: CAF-9 Salary: \$3200 per annum
Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses, Federal Bureau of
Investigation," (National Defense) FIELD.

To

Position: Special Agent
Assignment:
Grade: CAF-10 Salary: \$3500 per annum
Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses, Federal Bureau of
Investigation," (National Defense) FIELD.
Effective: October 16, 1942.
Respectfully,

Francis Biddle

By the Attorney General:

(signed) James Rowe, Jr.

The Assistant to the Attorney General.

Vice: John J. Murray - trans. 8-16-42.

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Attorney General.

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November 4, 1942

Local Board Number 1
Selective Service System
Court House
Anson, Texas

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Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Selective Service case of Mr. Robert J. Strauss who is employed in this Bureau as a Special Agent, and who is duly registered at your Board as Order Number 2099. You will recall that deferment has been requested for him and as a result thereof, he has been placed in a deferred status.

In accordance with the Selective Service regulations, I desire to advise you that Mr. Strauss, in view of his increased experience and length of service, has now been promoted to the salary of \$3500 per annum. This information is being furnished to you in order that you will, at all times, have a complete set of facts with regard to this case.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
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December 15, 1942.

Mr. Robert S. Strauss
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1277
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Strauss:

I have been advised that it was necessary for you to return home due to the illness of your Father.

I trust that he will be feeling much better soon and that his progress toward recovery will be rapid.

Sincerely,

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

CC-SAC-Cincinnati

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
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Mr. Tolson.....
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Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

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DIRECTOR
SA ROBERT S. STRAUSS DEPARTED THREE THIRTY PM TWELFTH INSTANT
FROM COLUMBUS, OHIO, FOR TEMPLE, TEXAS, DUE TO SERIOUS ILLNESS OF
FATHER. AGENT STRAUSS WILL ADVISE LATER DATE HIS ADDRESS AT TEMPLE.
RECOMMEND NECESSARY EMERGENCY ~~LEAVE~~ ~~LEAVE~~ LEAVE BE GRANTED THIS

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
December 5, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE

November 16 TO November 27, 1942

SPECIAL AGENT - ROBERT S. STRAUSS

EOD - 1-12-42

GRADE - CAF 10

SALARY - \$3500

ASSIGNED TO - Cincinnati

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Kramer _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Beahm _____
Miss Gandy _____

This Special Agent attended the In-Service Training Course as indicated above, during which period he was not afforded a physical examination.

This Special Agent attained the following grades:

Notebook	Good
Written Examination	100
Hip Shooting	84
Practical Pistol Course	92
Shotgun	80
.30 Rifle	89
Machine Gun	90
General Firearms Ability	Good

REMARKS: Interviewing Official - Mr. P. J. Wacks

"This Agent presents a neat clean-cut appearance and possesses an average personality. He apparently is an enthusiastic, conscientious and sincere individual. He indicated he enjoyed the work of the Bureau and was thoroughly satisfied with his present assignment in the Cincinnati Field Division. Agent Strauss appears to be an intelligent individual and a good conversationalist. He had no recommendations to make, personal problems to discuss or complaints to register. This Agent may possess potential supervisory ability which should develop with additional field experience. In view of the short length of time this Agent has been in the Bureau it is believed he should continue to be assigned to investigative duties in order to give him as much investigative experience as possible.

"I would rate Strauss as a good Agent."

Very truly yours,

H. H. Clegg



JSR:EJK

December 5, 1942

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Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

RE: ROBERT S. STRAUSS
SPECIAL AGENT

Dear Sir:

The above-named Special Agent attended an In-Service training course at the Seat of Government from November 16 to November 27, 1942.

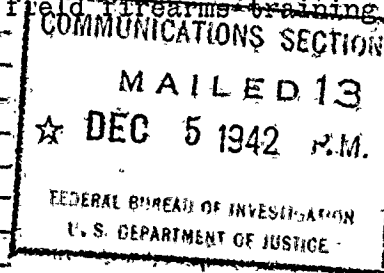
He attained the following grades:

Notebook	Good
Written Examination	100
Hip Shooting	84
Practical Pistol Course	92
Shotgun	80
.30 Rifle	89
Machine Gun	90

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Mr. Tolson _____
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Mr. Kramer _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

The firearms grades should be entered on the individual field firearms training record card.



Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc- Robert S. Strauss

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1277
Cincinnati, Ohio

RCS:RW

December 14, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: ROBERT S. STRAUSS
SPECIAL AGENT

Dear Sir:

This is to advise the Bureau that Special Agent ROBERT S. STRAUSS departed from Columbus, Ohio, on December 12, 1942, to proceed to Temple, Texas, due to the serious illness of his father. Special Agent STRAUSS may be reached through the Scott White Hospital, Temple, Texas.

Very yours,

R. C. SURAN
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



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RE-TRAINING

11-16 to 11-27-42

Re: ROBERT S. STRAUSS, SPECIAL AGENT
SPECIAL EFFICIENCY REPORT

This special efficiency report is being submitted by me concerning Special Agent ROBERT S. STRAUSS incident to my transfer from Cincinnati to the San Antonio Field Division.

Special Agent STRAUSS is presently designated as a Resident Agent at Columbus, Ohio. He presents a good personal appearance, is neat in dress and has a good personality. He has had varied types of assignments but until recently his principal task was to develop confidential plant informants. His work has been average and his reports have required closer supervision than the other Resident Agents assigned to Columbus, Ohio.

Agent STRAUSS operates a typewriter and can submit rough draft reports in that form. He has acquired satisfactory grades on examinations given him on the Bureau's Manuals indicating that he has a satisfactory knowledge of the Bureau's policies and procedures. This agent has not been called upon to testify since being assigned to this field division. He has acquired qualifying scores in the use of firearms but is below the average in this respect.

This agent is presently absent from the district and has not had an opportunity to read this report. It will be exhibited to him at the first opportunity and the Bureau appropriately advised.

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REPORT OF REGULAR () INTERIM (X)
PROBATIONARY—1ST () 2D ()
EFFICIENCY RATING

Classification Symbols		
(Service)	CAF	10
	(Grade)	(Class)

As of Jan. 13, 1943 based on performance during period from Aug. 24, 1942 to Jan. 13, 1943

ROBERT S. STRAUSS SPECIAL AGENT FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
(Name of employee) (Title of position) (Bureau)

(Division) (Section) (Subsection or unit) CINCINNATI, OHIO
(Field office)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE	1. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 2. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning employees on all elements pertinent to the position whether in <i>italics</i> or not. 3. Before rating, become thoroughly familiar with instructions in the rating manual.	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning <input type="checkbox"/> All others <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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| ----- (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments. | ----- (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs. |
| ----- (2) Mechanical skill. | ----- (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs. |
| ----- (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures. | ----- (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures. |
| ----- (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work). | ----- (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates. |
| ----- (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments. | ----- (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates. |
| ----- (6) Attention to pertinent detail. | ----- (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work. |
| ----- (7) Accuracy of operations. | ----- (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale. |
| ----- (8) Accuracy of final results. | ----- (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs. |
| ----- (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions. | ----- (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines. |
| ----- (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts. | ----- (30) Ability to make decisions. |
| ----- (11) Industry. | ----- (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act. |
| ----- (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments. | |
| ----- (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? -----) (Yes or no) | |
| ----- (14) Ability to organize his work. | |
| ----- (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others. | |
| ----- (16) Cooperativeness. | |
| ----- (17) Initiative. | |
| ----- (18) Resourcefulness. | |
| ----- (19) Dependability. | |
| ----- (20) Physical fitness for the work. | |

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

Employee's Initials	STANDARD	Adjective rating	Numerical rating
Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form			
All underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Excellent	1	1
A majority of underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Very good	2 or 3	2 or 3
All underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks fully compensated by plus marks, or a majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks on underlined elements overcompensated by plus marks on underlined elements	Good	4, 5, or 6	4, 5, or 6
A majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks not fully compensated by plus marks	Fair	7 or 8	7 or 8
A majority of underlined elements marked minus	Unsatisfactory	9	9

On the whole, do you consider the conduct of this employee to be satisfactory? Yes (See back of form)
(Yes or no)

Rated by [Signature] Special Agent in Charge January 13, 1943
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)

Reviewed by _____ (Signature of reviewing official) _____ (Title) _____ (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee _____ Report to employee _____
(Date) (Adjective rating) (Numerical rating)

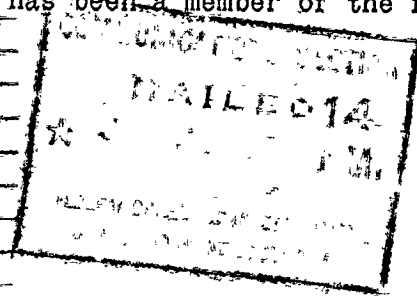
January 25, 1943

Mr. Albert C. Strauss
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

Dear Sir:

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Kramer _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

This will acknowledge the receipt of your contribution of \$5.00 to the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any participating Special Agent of the Bureau who dies, from any cause except self-destruction, while employed as a Special Agent. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years.



Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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JAN 26 1943

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund subsequent to September 4, 1942, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of five dollars (\$5), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping, and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$5,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Helen G. Strauss Address 4105 DeLoache Ave.
Dallas, Texas
Relationship Wife Dated October 5, 1942

Very truly yours,

Circin

Robert L. Strauss
Special Agent



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

RECOMMENDATION FOR LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

Mr.

~~XXXX~~

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Robert S. Strauss

Date January 7, 1943

1. Title: Special Agent.
2. Salary: \$3500 per annum
3. Grade: CAF 10.
4. Division or Bureau: Federal Bureau of Investigation
5. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses, F. B. I. National Defense." Field
6. Commencing (date): January 7, 1943
7. Ending (close of):
8. Indefinite: Yes
9. Letter to employee required: Yes ☐
No ☒
10. Remarks:**
Emergency annual leave.

Mr. Tolson

Mr. E. A. Tamm

Mr. Clegg

Mr. Glavin

Mr. Ladd

Mr. Nichols

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Tracy

Mr. Car COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Mr. Coffey

Mr. Hendon M. A. I. CC-ELD 5 Clerk

Mr. Kramer JAN 18 Fiscal Control - sent direct

Mr. McGuire Wickerman

Mr. Quinn Tamm Tompkins

Mr. Nease U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Miss Gandy

(Title)

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Cincinnati, Ohio
February 24, 1943

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

It is with sincere regret that I request a transfer from the Cincinnati Field Division to the Dallas Field Division. This request would not be made were it not for the fact that both my father and mother are seriously ill. My father is presently confined in a hospital with a serious heart ailment. During the past two months it has been necessary that I take leave on two occasions, amounting to six weeks absence from work, to be at his bedside.

It is my belief that a temporary transfer to Dallas would enhance the chances for the recovery of my father and be of great aid to my mother. Did I not feel this absolutely essential, you may be assured that I would make no such request during times like the present.

It is requested that such transfer, if possible, be granted immediately due to my father's present critical condition.

Please be assured of my sincere appreciation for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Robert S. Strauss
ROBERT S. STRAUSS
Special Agent

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FEDERAL BUREAU

*Memo Strauss
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

RECOMMENDATION FOR LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

Mrx
Missx
Mrsx

Robert S. Strauss

Date February 8, 1943

1. Title: Special Agent
2. Salary: \$3500 per annum
3. Grade: CAF 10
4. Division or Bureau: Federal Bureau of Investigation
5. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses, F. B. I. National Defense." Field
6. Commencing (date): January 7, 1943
7. Ending (close of): January 31, 1943
8. Indefinite:*
9. Letter to employee required: Yes ☐
No ☒
10. Remarks:** Returned from emergency annual leave.

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Coffey _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
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 Mr. Piper _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Gandy _____

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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P. O. Box 1277
Cincinnati, Ohio

RCS:RW

January 13, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: EFFICIENCY RATINGS
SPECIAL AGENTS
CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

Dear Sir:

Efficiency ratings on all the employees of the Cincinnati Office have been prepared by me and furnished to the Bureau. The following is a list of Special Agents in the order of their efficiency and value to the Cincinnati Office:

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. L. A. OBENSHAIN | 22. CARL D. ERICH |
| 2. S. HERMAN HORTON | 23. HENRY G. FLOWERS |
| 3. B. L. DAMRON | 24. EARL H. FISHER |
| 4. RICHARD B. SMITH | 25. J. HORTON ARNOLD |
| 5. MILTON ELLERIN | 26. JOHN T. HARRINGTON |
| 6. WILLIAM H. JAHN, JR. | 27. ISAAC B. HAND |
| 7. FLOYD A. GREEN, JR. | 28. THOMAS B. COUGHLIN |
| 8. FREDERICK AYER, JR. | 29. EDWARD G. GOUGH |
| 9. G. ALLISON DRISKELL | 30. FRANCIS W. MATTHYS |
| 10. MORTON S. FREEMAN | 31. CARLTON A. ROOD |
| 11. JOHN T. DELANEY | 32. LAWRENCE L. LARMORE |
| 12. RICHARD H. WALL | 33. JAMES P. SHANNON |
| 13. W. ARTHUR AULL | 34. ROBERT S. STRAUSS // |
| 14. PAUL E. RIFFLE | 35. EDWIN BROWN |
| 15. WILLIAM R. INNES | 36. JAMES C. BRIECEL |
| 16. HAROLD E. KOREMAN | 37. WILLIAM W. THORSNESS |
| 17. RICHARD N. HUNTER | 38. JOHN J. O'BRIEN |
| 18. JOHN A. REITER | 39. WILLIAM JOHN STONE |
| 19. BRENDAN P. WALSH | 40. SAMUEL J. RYHAN |
| 20. THOMAS G. FITZGERALD | 41. JAMES E. BRYSON |
| 21. ROBERT J. EMONTS | 42. ROBERT E. TIVNAN |
| 43. MOSBY WILLIAMS | |

No attempt has been made to rate Special Agents ARTHUR H. COOLEY, CHARLES K. REAVES, and ROBERT S. REED because of the limited time I have had to observe them.

Very truly yours,

R. C. SURAN
Special Agent in Charge



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

March 11, 1943

RSW:FW

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GLAVIN

RE: ROBERT SCHWARTZ STRAUSS (m) ✓
Special Agent - Cincinnati
Resident Agent - Columbus

EOD
Grade and Salary
Last Promoted
Last Efficiency Rating
Marital Status
Draft Status
Legal Residence
Offices of Preference
Outstanding Endorsers

1/12/42
CAF-10 \$3500
10/16/42
Good (1/13/43)
Married
2-B (Deferment Requested)
Dallas
Dallas, San Antonio, Houston
Senator Tom Connally
Cong. Sam Rayburn

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Carson.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. McGuire.....
Mr. Mumford.....
Mr. Piper.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER

By letter dated Feb. 24, 1943, this Agent requested a transfer to the Dallas office due to the fact that both his father and mother are seriously ill. He explained that his father is presently confined to a hospital with a serious heart ailment and during the past two months it had been necessary for him to take leave on two occasions amounting to 6 weeks absence from the office. The Agent stated he believed a temporary transfer to Dallas would enhance the chance for his father's recovery and would be a great aid to his mother.

AGENT'S RECORD IN BUREAU

This Agent was first assigned to the Des Moines office for three months. He is now assigned to the Cincinnati office where he is designated as Resident Agent at Columbus, Ohio.

At Des Moines it was reported that he was enthusiastic, handled his cases with good judgment, made a good investigation and his reports were well set up, had a good knowledge of the Bureau's work and policies, and seemed anxious to improve himself and develop satisfactorily.

On 7/13/42 he was transferred to the Cincinnati office where the reports on him reflect that he handles his cases with judgment, energy and enthusiasm. He is willing to proceed on his own initiative and responsibility, has done very satisfactory work in developing confidential plant informants, and has displayed a satisfactory knowledge of the Bureau's policies and procedures; that personally he presents a good appearance, is neat in his dress, and has a good personality.



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SAC Suran reported on 1/13/43 that he was somewhat below the average in the use of firearms and that his work required closer supervision than other Resident Agents assigned to Columbus, Ohio. SAC Suran gave him an adjective rating of GOOD.

CONCLUSIONS

Agent Strauss' father is seriously ill and confined to a hospital with a heart ailment. During a recent two-months' period it was necessary for him to take leave on two occasions amounting to 6 weeks absence from the office in order to be at his father's bedside. His record in the Bureau is satisfactory.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that he be immediately transferred to the Dallas office.

Respectfully,

K. M. Piper
K. M. Piper

J. J. Jones

3/11/43

no Dr. Service

on 3/13

Trans letter prep 8-18-43
Wg: JH

March 18, 1943

Mr. Robert E. Strauss
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1277
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Strauss:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 24, 1943, expressing a desire for a transfer to the Dallas Field Division and your reasons therefor.

It is indeed a pleasure for me to arrange this transfer for you, and I have issued the necessary instructions effecting this change.

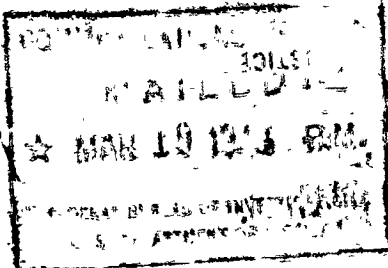
I want you to know I appreciate your writing me about this matter and I sincerely hope this arrangement will be most beneficial to you and your family.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

CC-Cincinnati (P&C)

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MWK:IMP

MARCH 20, 1943

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

SAC CINCINNATI

DESIRED YOU IMMEDIATELY WIRE BUREAU EXACT DATE OF MARRIAGE

ROBERT S. STRAUSS, ASSIGNED YOUR OFFICE.

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7 MAR 25 1943
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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
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Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

MAR 20 1943

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10-15 P M

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

MARCH 22, 1943

Transmit the following message to:

LOCAL BOARD NUMBER ONE
SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM
COURT HOUSE
ANSON, TEXAS.

RE SELECTIVE SERVICE CASE ROBERT S. STRAUSS, ORDER NUMBER TWO NAUGHT NINE
NINE. ADVISED REGISTRANT STILL EMPLOYED THIS BUREAU CAPACITY SPECIAL AGENT
AND DESIRE TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL OCCUPATIONAL DEFERMENT FOR HIM. D.S.S.
FORM FORTY-TWO A (REVISED) SUBSTANTIATING THIS REQUEST BEING FORWARDED TO
YOU AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 23 1943

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Per _____

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Local Board Number 1
Selective Service System
Court House
Anson, Texas

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Selective Service case of Mr. Robert S. Strauss, who is duly registered at your Board as Order Number 2099. You will recall that as a result of my previous request for occupational deferment, he has been placed in Class II-B until March 24, 1943.

Mr. Strauss has been employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation since January 12, 1942, and is now performing duties as a Special Agent. In this position he possesses the necessary highly specialized training and knowledge so essential to the performance of his duties in connection with the successful war effort. His removal for induction at this time would substantially impair the essential work we are now performing to maintain that part of America's war effort and the preservation of the nation's safety and internal security assigned to this Bureau. In accordance with my telegram to you, I am transmitting herewith D.S.S. Form 42-A (Revised) which has been executed by me in duplicate under date of March 23, 1943.

Your attention is called to the Executive Order of the President dated March 6, 1943, providing for the occupational deferment of employees

Mr. Tolson in the Executive branch of the Federal Government. By this order, requests for occupational deferment are limited to those holding "positions involving serious difficulty of replacement because a scarcity of available qualified personnel exists and because any incumbent of the position must have had, in order to perform the duties effectively, an extended period of training or specialized experience." Section III, paragraph 2 c and d of that order, defines two of the standards or criteria by which it will be determined that a request for occupational deferment shall be submitted for any employee; that is, that the work being performed is of a professional, semiprofessional or highly specialized character or that the work usually requires male employees because of peculiar circumstances or requisite physical abilities including the occupation among others, of investigatory agents, wherein replacement within necessary age limits is difficult.

Mr. Strauss holds a professional degree of LL. B. from the University of Texas. He has received specialized training in the field of law enforcement and counter-espionage and has had actual experience in

Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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this work continually since January 12, 1942. He possesses the ability to undergo arduous physical activity which is so essential in work of this nature. Since there are no other organizations which perform the type of work we must do, it is not possible to recruit experienced personnel. Personnel with the required physical, intellectual, educational and experience capabilities needed to perform our work is limited to men within age limits. A scarcity of such manpower does exist and replacement is most difficult. I desire, therefore, to request that Mr. Strauss be granted additional occupational deferment.

I appreciate your previous cooperation in this matter and should there be any additional information you may desire with regard to this case, please do not hesitate to call upon me. Of course, I shall keep you promptly advised as to any change in the occupational status of this registrant.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Air Mail

Special Delivery
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cc: SAC - Cincinnati
SAC - Dallas

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Miss Gandy _____

ROBERT S. STRAUSS

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Jones

Anson

Texas

Special Agent

See attachment. Mr. Strauss is an investigatory agent charged with the duty of investigating violations of the laws of the United States, collecting evidence in cases in which the United States is or may be a party in interest, and performing other duties imposed upon him by law.

January 12, 1942

January 12, 1942

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See attachment

LL. B. Degree University of Texas.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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Washington, D. C.

J. Edgar Hoover

the Director

23rd

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been designated as the sole civilian government investigative agency having jurisdiction over the investigation of matters pertaining to national defense such as espionage, sabotage, registration of agents of foreign principals, sedition, treason, and the like, and further, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has sole investigative jurisdiction in a great number of other Federal statutes which embrace bank robbery, kidnaping, extortion, white slave traffic, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and numerous others. This Bureau has also been designated by Congress as the agency officially responsible for the tabulation and dissemination of police statistics for the entire country. Under an act of Congress these statistics are gathered and are distributed to thousands of interested police and affiliated agencies every six months so that trends in crime, crime records, and crime control can be known to those to whom it is of most interest. Further than this, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been designated as the agency having jurisdiction over the classification and maintenance of fingerprint records not only on a national basis but on an international basis. The greatest depository of fingerprint records in the world is maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D. C. We have over sixty-three million sets of fingerprints on hand today and are receiving fingerprint records at a rate of approximately 115,000 each day. The military and naval authorities have issued orders that all employees of manufacturing plants operating under contracts with the War Department or Navy Department must be fingerprinted and their fingerprints sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for search against our existing files. Obviously the purpose of such an order is to ascertain the criminal background, if any, of persons who are occupying positions where they have access to confidential information and to eliminate from such positions those persons whose records indicate that their interests are not those of our government.

We are also receiving fingerprint records of all persons enlisting or being inducted into the army and other military and naval services. All employees of the Federal government are fingerprinted and their fingerprints searched through our files for prior criminal records, again for the purpose of guarding against the employment of persons in the Federal government whose backgrounds indicate that they might not function to the best interests of our government. We are receiving thousands of criminal fingerprints from all police agencies throughout the country and it is essential that these fingerprints be handled promptly and the contributing agency advised of any prior record so that justice may be intelligently administered. By means of this procedure the Federal Bureau of Investigation is able to identify thousands of fugitives from justice each year who otherwise might not be identified by local police agencies who do not have the benefit of prior criminal records as reflected on fingerprint cards which were made at the time of some previous arrest. Many such persons are wanted for a previous criminal act by some other law enforcement agency and are presently attempting to disguise their true identity through assuming a fictitious name. This ruse on their part is penetrated through the science of fingerprinting and the Federal Bureau of Investigation is enabled to advise the interested local law enforcement agency of the true identity of the individual and he can be held for appropriate prosecutive action, whereas if not identified, he quite possibly would have been released to continue his depredations against society.

Our criminological laboratory handles the scientific examination of evidence in cases investigated by the Federal and local law enforcement agencies. A very high percentage of the work presently being performed by the Technical Laboratory is in connection with the national war effort. Evidence collected in suspected sabotage cases is examined by the scientists in our laboratory who are qualified to handle examinations of almost any technical nature. The personnel in the Technical

Laboratory have been trained through education and experience to handle such subjects as analytical chemistry, qualitative and quantitative analysis, ballistics tests, microanalysis examinations, spectrographic examinations, cryptograph and cryptanalysis work, and many other highly technical examinations.

The Files Section of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contains files on hundreds of thousands of individuals whose activities are of the greatest importance to the country today. It is highly important that we maintain in the Files Section a nucleus of experienced personnel so that the information contained therein can be made readily available to the supervisory personnel of this Bureau and also be made available to other governmental agencies such as the State Department, Military Intelligence Division, Office of Naval Intelligence, and the Immigration and Naturalization service. It is most essential that only the most trusted employees be assigned to this work because of the highly confidential material that is contained in our files.

All of the functions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are so closely inter-related that it is essential that qualified and experienced personnel be available not only to perform their own work but to train new employees. The Congress of the United States has passed several bills within the past year approving an increase in the personnel. When it is considered that the work of this Bureau is highly confidential it can be appreciated that the selection of personnel must be made with great care. It has been our experience that only one employee is obtained from every one hundred persons who have applied. It is necessary that each employee be investigated thoroughly so that there will be no possibility of having a person in our service who is not loyal to the United States. We have found that it is extremely difficult to secure qualified persons for almost any of the positions that are available. At the present time we have approximately 1,500 employees less than the number that has been authorized by Congress. Every effort is being made to obtain these additional employees as they are badly needed in order for us to properly carry on the work that has been assigned to us. We are endeavoring to obtain these additional persons without interfering in any way with the administration of the Selective Training and Service Act. In all positions where possible we are utilizing the services of female employees. With the exception of Special Agents' and Laboratory Scientists' positions, no appointment of male employees who may be eligible for military service are being made. It is absolutely necessary, however, that our experienced personnel be maintained so that the new personnel can be adequately supervised and trained.

All employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been working at top speed to keep abreast of our duties. The regular work week has been extended to 48 hours, and it has been our experience in the past that an additional amount of overtime will be voluntarily performed by the employees of this Bureau in an effort to properly and expeditiously handle the tremendous volume of important work being referred to us in connection with the war effort. Obviously very little consideration can be given to replacing an experienced employee until such time as we are able to build up our present staff to the number authorized and needed.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are given twelve weeks of training which embraces 535 hours of study. During that period of time they are trained not only in investigative techniques and procedures, but are qualified in the handling of firearms, mechanical devices, and technical devices in use by the Bureau. After entering the Field service which follows their training period, their skill, of course, increases with their length of service in the Field. It would

obviously, therefore, be impossible to adequately replace an experienced Special Agent until the replacement had been in the service an equal length of time.

The science of the classification of fingerprints is one of the most exacting in the world today. Employees in law enforcement organizations handling fingerprint activities are of a profession which demands the utmost skill and honesty in the practice of that profession. In the Federal Bureau of Investigation we train Fingerprint Technicians through classroom and practical study for a period of approximately six months. At the end of that time those employees are qualified to examine sets of fingerprints and to identify like sets. This science cannot be taught overnight and the loss of a fingerprint man at any stage of his training or employment is a severe blow to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at this time when we are receiving thousands of sets of prints from all of the coordinated activities of the Government and from local law enforcement agencies.

The Laboratory Scientists of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, all graduate scientists, are thoroughly schooled in the science of criminology and today are performing duties pertaining to the successful war effort one hundred percent of their time. Their training in this field, embracing all sciences of laboratory examination which includes cryptography, chemistry, ballistics, geology, serology, and many others, has been invaluable in the solving of espionage, sabotage, and other subversive activities. It is essential that these scientists many times perform their scientific work in the field under such conditions that they could not be replaced with employees not possessing their physical attributes.

Bureau employees in positions aforementioned and for whom deferments are requested possess technical and scientific skills which renders them irreplaceable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at this time.

I, J. Edgar Hoover, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of March 19 43

Notary Public

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

P. O. Box 1277
Cincinnati, Ohio
April 15, 1943

AHB:MCC

Director, FBI

Re: ROBERT S. STRAUSS
SPECIAL AGENT

Dear Sir:

In view of the attached Annual Efficiency Rating no Special Efficiency Report is being prepared incidental to this Agent's transfer to the Dallas Field Division, unless advised to the contrary.

A copy of this report is being transmitted to the Dallas Office and that Office is requested to advise the Bureau after the copy has been exhibited to Agent STRAUSS.

Very truly yours,

A. H. Belmont
A. H. BELMONT, SAC

cc - Dallas

sent to Belmont

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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Miss Gandy

FBI CINCI
DIRECTOR

3-25-43

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SHOE. RE YOUR TELETYPES DATED MARCH SEVENTEENTH, NINETEENTH, AND TWENTIETH. FOLLOWING ARE MARRIAGE DATES OF FOLLOWING SPECIAL AGENTS - FRANCIS W. MATTHYS, JUNE FIFTEEN NINETEEN FORTY. THOMAS B. COUGHLIN, JULY FOUR NINETEEN FORTYONE. EARL H. FISHER, SEPTEMBER TWENTYEIGHT NINETEEN FORTYONE. HAROLD E. KOREMAN, MAY SEVENTEEN NINETEEN FORTYONE. HENRY G. FLOWERS, OCTOBER FIRST NINETEEN THIRTYNINE. JOHN A. HANISCH, JULY EIGHTEEN NINETEEN FORTYTWO. JOHN T. HARRINGTON, NOVEMBER TWENTYEIGHT NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE. MORTON S. FREEMAN, MAY THIRTYONE NINETEEN FORTYTWO. ROBERT S. STRAUSS, MAY TWENTYSEVEN NINETEEN FORTYONE. CLERK GENE WEBER, MAY NINE NINETEEN FORTYONE.

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Local Board Number 1
Selective Service System
Court House
Anson, Texas

Gentlemen:

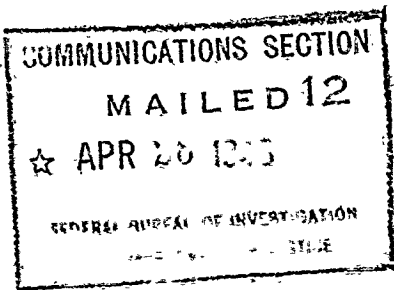
I am in receipt of your communication of April 2, 1943, advising me that Mr. Robert S. Strauss, Order Number 2099, has been reclassified in Class III-B by reason of a dependency and his employment here as a Special Agent.

I want you to know that I appreciate your courtesy in advising me of the action of your Board in this matter, and of course, I will keep you promptly advised as to any change whatsoever in his occupational status with this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
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Miss Gandy _____



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✓ J. Edgar Hoover

CLASSIFICATION ADVICE



Local Board No. 1	85
Jones County	258
APR 2 1943	001
Court House	
Anson, Texas	

(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)

April 2, 1943

(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

You are advised that—

Robert

Schwartz

Strauss

(First name)

(Middle name)

(Last name)

Order No. 2099 has been classified in Class III-B

Until -----, 19-----

(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☒ Local Board.

☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of ----- to -----).

☐ President.

Appeal from classification by local board must be made by signing appeal form on back of questionnaire at office of local board, or by filing written notice of appeal within 10 days after the above date of mailing of notice to registrant.

If you believe that it is in the national interest or necessary to avoid an injustice that further consideration be given to the registrant's case after classification by the board of appeal, consult the Selective Service Regulations, the Government appeal agent, the occupational advisor, or the State Director of Selective Service.

DSS Form 59
(Revised 11-13-42)

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Noted.....

Member of clerk of Local Board

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
1200 Tower Petroleum Building
Dallas, Texas

April 26, 1943.

Director, FBI.

RE: ROBERT S. STRAUSS,
Special Agent.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the copy of the annual efficiency report submitted as of March 31, 1943, pertaining to the above captioned employee has been initialed by him before being placed in his personnel file in this office.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Danner

R. G. DANNER
SAC.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Dallas, Texas
April 6, 1943

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: ROBERT S. STRAUSS
SELECTIVE SERVICE STATUS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 25, 1943 to the Selective Service System, Local Draft Board #1, Anson, Texas relative to the Selective Service Status of Strauss.

The Bureau is advised that inquiries of the clerk at this board on April 5, 1943 produced information from a review of STRAUSS' file that on March 30, 1943 he was reclassified from II-B to III-B effective March 30, 1943. It was pointed out that STRAUSS' file was to be reviewed at the end of six months at which time consideration would again be given him toward possible reclassification.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Danner
R. G. DANNER
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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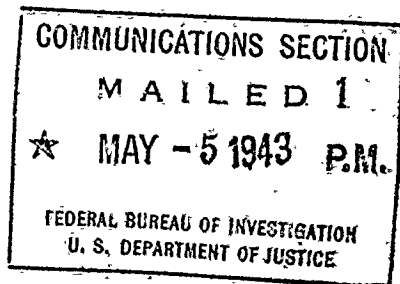
May 4, 1943

Mr. Robert S. Strauss
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 U. S. Department of Justice
 Dallas, Texas

Mr. Tolson Dear Sir:
 Mr. E. A. Tamm

Mr. Clegg _____ This will acknowledge the receipt of your contribution of
 Mr. Coffey \$5.00 to the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any
 Mr. Glavin participating Special Agent of the Bureau who dies, from any cause
 Mr. Ladd except self-destruction, while employed as a Special Agent. Pay-
 Mr. Nichols ment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent
 Mr. Rosen has been a member of the fund for two years.

Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Carson _____
 Mr. Harbo _____
 Mr. Hendon _____
 Mr. McGuire _____
 Mr. Mumford _____
 Mr. Piper _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Gandy _____



Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
 Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund subsequent to January 15, 1943, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of five dollars (\$5), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

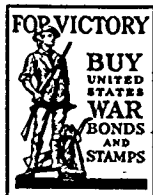
The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$5,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Mrs. Charles H. Strauss Address Stamford, Texas
Relationship Wife Dated February 25, 1943

Very truly yours,



ACK
5-4-43
BMC

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Dallas

Robert S. Strauss
Special Agent

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

RECOMMENDATION FOR LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

Mr.

~~Miss~~

~~Mr.~~

Robert S. Strauss

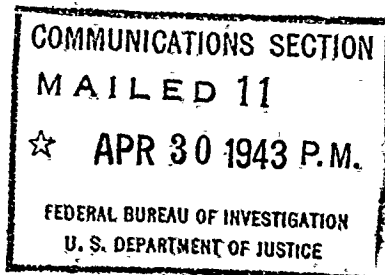
Date

April 29, 1943

1. Title: Special Agent
2. Salary: \$3500 per annum
3. Grade: Caf 10
4. Division or Bureau: Federal Bureau of Investigation
5. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses, F. B. I. National Defense." Field
6. Commencing (date): January 13, 1943
7. Ending (close of): January 31, 1943
8. Indefinite.*
9. Letter to employee required: Yes ☐
No ☒
10. Remarks:**

This amends P. R. Form which read, "Leave without pay commencing 1-7-43 and ending close of business 1-31-43."

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Glegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
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Mr. Piper _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____



CC Leave Clerk

Copies sent direct: Fiscal Control, Loyd, Wackerman & Prather

(Title)
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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June 3, 1943

Miss Mae Dunwody
Clerk
Local Board Number 1
Selective Service System
Court House
Anson, Texas

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Dear Miss Dunwody:

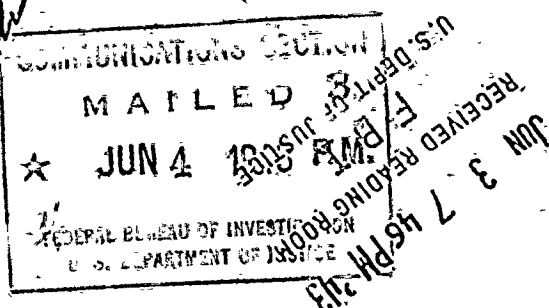
I am in receipt of your recent communication wherein you advised that Mr. Robert S. Strauss, Order Number 2099, has been reclassified in Class II-B until November 3, 1943.

I desire at this time to express my appreciation for your courtesy in advising me of the action of your Board in this matter, and you may be assured that in the event there is any change in his occupational status, I will promptly advise you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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V. J. [Signature]

CLASSIFICATION ADVICE



Local Board No. 1	85
Jones County	253
MAY 4 1943	001
Court House	
Anson, Mo.	

(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)

May 4, 1943
(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

You are advised that—

Robert Schwartz Strauss
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

Order No. 2099 has been classified in Class II-B

Until November 3, 1943, 19_____
(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☒ Local Board.

☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of _____ to _____).

☐ President.

Appeal from classification by local board must be made by signing appeal form on back of questionnaire at office of local board, or by filing written notice of appeal within 10 days after the above date of mailing of notice to registrant.

If you believe that it is in the national interest or necessary to avoid an injustice that further consideration be given to the registrant's case after classification by the board of appeal, consult the Selective Service Regulations, the Government appeal agent, the occupational advisor, or the State Director of Selective Service.

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Max Dunnington
(Member or clerk of Local Board) 6 1943
FEDERAL REGISTRATION

NAME: / IRVING D. STRAUSS	Position: Special Agent
Entered on Duty: January 12, 1942	
Salary: CAF 10	\$3500 October 16, 1942
Offices of Preference: (1) Dallas	(2) San Antonio (3) Houston
Gun	OK
Badge	OK
Credentials	OK
Examinations:	
Rules and Regulations	100
Instructions	100

CAS FILEMENT

This Agent has been assigned as Resident Agent at Columbus, Ohio, and is being transferred to the Dallas Field Division. He makes a good personal appearance, dresses neatly, has considerable self-confidence, and expresses himself readily. He has shown resourcefulness and sufficient force and aggressiveness to carry out his investigative work properly. He is alert, intelligent, and quick on the pick-up. He is capable of organizing his work properly, but needs to be followed up to assure that his work is turned in on time. He is rated as **GOOD**.

INSPECTOR CUMMIS

This Agent's appearance is good although somewhat youthful. He is intelligent and will I believe mature rather rapidly in the Bureau. I was impressed with his sincerity and appreciation of the Bureau. His knowledge of Bureau work was considerably above average for an Agent of his experience. I think his prospects in the Bureau are very good. He is under transfer to the Dallas Office due to the ill health of his father. He has been spending a below-average amount of time in the office. His overtime has been above average. I consider him as being a good employee.

Inspection Report, Cincinnati Office
 April 17, 1943
 Inspector Cumma

RE-TRAINING

11-16-42 to 11-27-42

Dallas, Texas
June 22, 1943.

MEMORANDUM:

RE: ROBERT S. STRAUSS, Special Agent;
Special Efficiency Report.

This special efficiency report is being submitted in view of the assignment of the above captioned Special Agent to the Dallas Field Division, where he reported for duty April 13, 1943.

Special Agent STRAUSS makes a good personal appearance, dresses neatly and in style; is rather youthful. He has a great deal of native intelligence; is keen, quick witted, and suffers only from a lack of maturity. It is believed that age and experience will season this Agent to the point where he will develop into a better than average Special Agent. I believe that he has good judgment at the present time. He keeps his wits about him; thinks out his problems well.

My only criticism of him would be he has a tendency to venture opinions too often. I believe that this is an indication of immaturity which Agent STRAUSS can readily overcome.

This Agent has initiative. He is congenial; follows instructions well; studies his assignments. He is an excellent automobile driver. He handles firearms with about average ability. He could not be used on a dangerous assignment except under close supervision. He has not testified as yet but I believe he would make a capable witness in view of his legal experience and his presence of mind.

He has handled all of his assignments in a capable manner. His investigations are complete and thorough. His reports are well written.

He has demonstrated no executive, administrative or supervisory ability since his assignment to this office.

I am of the opinion that this Agent will continue to develop in every respect.

Very truly yours,

R. G. DANNER
Special Agent in Charge.

I have read this report:
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Initials of Employee.

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REPORT OF REGULAR () INTERIM ()
PROBATIONARY—1ST () 2D ()
EFFICIENCY RATING

Classification Symbols		
CAF	10	\$3500
(Service)	(Grade)	(Class)

As of June 22, 1943, based on performance during period from April 13, 1943 to June 22, 1943.

ROBERT S. STRAUSS, Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigation
(Name of employee) (Title of position) (Bureau)

U.S. Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas
(Division) (Section) (Subsection or unit) (Field office)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE	1. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 2. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning employees on all elements pertinent to the position whether in <i>italics</i> or not. 3. Before rating, become thoroughly familiar with instructions in the rating manual.	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning <input type="checkbox"/> All others <input type="checkbox"/>
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STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

- _____ (A) _____
- _____ (B) _____
- _____ (C) _____

STANDARD Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form		Adjective rating	Numerical rating	Rating official	Adjective rating	Numerical rating
All underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus		Excellent	1	GOOD		
A majority of underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus		Very good	2 or 3			
All underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks fully compensated by plus marks, or a majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks on underlined elements over-compensated by plus marks on underlined elements		Good	4, 5, or 6	Reviewing official I have read this report: Initials of Employee <u>RSS</u>		
A majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks not fully compensated by plus marks		Fair	7 or 8			
A majority of underlined elements marked minus		Unsatisfactory	9			

On the whole, do you consider the conduct of this employee to be satisfactory? YES (See back of form)
(Yes or no)

Rated by R.G. Danner Special Agent in Charge, June 22, 1943
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)

Reviewed by _____
(Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee _____ Report to employee _____
(Date) (Adjective rating) (Numerical rating)

REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

REGULAR () INTER ()
PROBATIONARY—1ST ()

Classification Symbols		
CAF	10	\$3500
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As of March 31, 1943 based on performance during period from July 14, 1942 to March 31, 1943

ROBERT S. STRAUSS
(Name of employee)

Special Agent
(Title of position)

Federal Bureau of Investigation
(Bureau)

Cincinnati, Ohio
(Field office)

(Division)

(Section)

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ON LINES BELOW
MARK EMPLOYEE

V if adequate
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				Reviewing official		
				Employee's Initials:		

On the whole, do you consider the conduct of this employee to be satisfactory? Yes (See back of form)
(Yes or no)

Rated by [Signature] Special Agent in Charge April 15, 1943
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)

Reviewed by [Signature] Assistant Director JUN 22 1943
(Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee _____ Report to employee _____
(Date) (Adjective rating) (Numerical rating)

Re: ROBERT S. STRAUSS, SPECIAL AGENT
ANNUAL EFFICIENCY REPORT

1-12-42

Special Agent STRAUSS makes a good personal appearance, dresses in a neat fashion, has considerable self-confidence, and expresses himself readily. He has shown resourcefulness and sufficient force and aggressiveness to carry out his investigative work properly.

The great majority of this Agent's work was rough draft and was presented in an acceptable fashion, consequently I am unable to comment appropriately upon his dictation ability. He is a qualified automobile driver, and has testified in several instances before the United States Commissioner, Federal Grand Jury and in Federal Court with good effect. I have not observed this Agent in the use of firearms; however, he should be capable of assignment to apprehensions and raids of an ordinary nature with proper supervision. He has been successfully used on physical surveillances, is a fair typist, and has no shorthand ability. His rough draft reports are satisfactory and have shown a logical investigation on his part. He is a good contact man and has no difficulty in contacting law enforcement officers or the general public. This Agent is capable of organizing his work properly inasmuch as he is alert, intelligent, and quick on the pick-up. However, he needs to be followed to assure that his work is turned in on time.

This Agent has worked on National Defense cases in the following category: 98, 100, 97, 25, 65, and has also had experience on various types of criminal investigations. I have not noted any supervisory or administrative ability on the part of this Agent. He has not been assigned exclusively to a technical surveillance. His overtime has been above the average for this Office.

This Agent has indicated he would accept SIS assignment. However, it is noted that he was recently transferred to the Dallas Field Division at his own request due to illness in the family.

This Agent is given a rating of good at this time.

Employee's Initials:



WMW:gp

August 10, 1943

Local Board Number 1
Selective Service System
Court House
Anson, Texas

RE: ROBERT SCHWARTZ STRAUSS
Order Number 2099

Gentlemen:

The Review Committee of the War Manpower Commission, established under the provisions of Executive Order 9309, has determined the position of Special Agent held by Mr. Strauss to be a key position within the meaning of said Executive Order.

The Agency Committee of the Bureau, which has been established in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 9309, recommends that the attached D.S.S. Form 42-A (Revised) which has been executed by me under date of August 7, 1943, and countersigned by the Chairman of the Agency Committee, be forwarded to you requesting occupational deferment on behalf of Mr. Strauss.

I would appreciate having this affidavit made a part of the file of the above-named registrant, and request your consideration of the same when you determine his classification. Should you want any additional information, do not hesitate to call upon me. I shall keep you promptly advised of any change in the occupational status of this registrant.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

John Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

cc: SAC Dallas 6

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ROBERT SCHWARTZ STRAUSS

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Special Agent

See attachment. Mr. Strauss is an investigatory agent charged with the duty of investigating violations of the laws of the United States, collecting evidence in cases in which the United States is or may be a party in interest, and performing other duties imposed upon him by law.

January 12, 1942

January 12, 1942

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See attachment

LL. B. Degree University of Texas

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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Washington, D. C.

J. Edgar Hoover

the Director

AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REQUEST
AGENCY COMMITTEE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

August

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SPECIAL AGENTS

This position has been designated as a key position by the Review Committee of the War Manpower Commission.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been designated as the sole civilian government investigative agency having jurisdiction over the investigation of matters pertaining to national defense such as espionage, sabotage, registration of agents of foreign principals, sedition, treason, and the like, and further, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has sole investigative jurisdiction in a great number of other Federal statutes which embrace bank robbery, kidnaping, extortion, white slave traffic, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and numerous others. The investigative work in connection with the above violations is performed by the Special Agent personnel of this Bureau, who are recruited from applicants between the ages of twenty-three and forty. They must be graduates of a law school or an accounting school with the necessary accounting experience, or graduates of a university with extensive investigative experience, or with linguistic qualifications, or have basic educational training and possess satisfactory prior law enforcement experience which will enable them to satisfactorily perform the duties imposed upon them. For certain of the scientific investigative work, Special Agents are secured who primarily are qualified in the sciences, such as ballistics, chemical analysis, spectography, cryptography, mineralogy, metallography, toxicology, and other like sciences. Applicants for appointment to the position of Special Agent must meet the physical standards and requirements for this position, which are exceedingly high. They must have vision of no less than 20/40 in one eye, 20/50 uncorrected, both eyes to be corrected to 20/20. They must have no color deficiency whatever.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation undergo a rigorous training program. All newly appointed Special Agents in the Federal Bureau of Investigation attend training classes for a period of sixteen weeks; the hours of training are from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily, which course of study is equivalent to two full years of college study. During this period of training, they are thoroughly instructed in the basic rules and regulations and jurisdictions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They must satisfactorily pass numerous written examinations during their period of training. If a trainee fails to pass any of these examinations, he is dropped from the school.

The duties of a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are most arduous. They must be available at a moment's notice to go to any part of the United States or to any assignment outside the United States. The hours of duty for these employees are such that they must be in excellent physical health. The average work week for a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is no less than seventy hours. The work of a Special Agent, regardless of his particular qualification, is such that he cannot lead a sedentary or well regulated life. Due to the small number of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation presently handling the work under the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation within and without the continental United States, it is necessary that the entire staff be highly mobile.

Special Agents are required to be able to conduct investigations in more than 100 types of cases, including espionage, sabotage, subversive activities, frauds against the government, kidnaping, extortion, bank robbery, White Slave

Traffic Act, etc. They are trained in and required to maintain constant skill in the use of highly technical equipment, technical processes, such as those necessary for the development of latent fingerprints, concealed or obliterated numbers upon firearms, to understand the use of code messages, to conduct physical surveillances of subjects of espionage and similar cases, sometimes for periods of many months, and when necessary, to assume a necessary character to enable them to fit in an undercover capacity into the activities and operations of groups such as foreign agents, who are engaged in thwarting the war effort:

The arduousness and importance of the work of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was readily recognized by the military and naval leaders. The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, for the Secretary of the Navy, requested Special Agent employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to submit their resignations from reserve commissions held by them in the naval services because it had been determined that those Special Agents could better serve their country in their present assignments than if they were to be called into active naval service. The Secretary of War, in 1942, addressed personal communications to 168 Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who at that time held reserve commissions in the Army. The Secretary of War at that time advised the Special Agents that their employment in the FBI is of such vital importance to the national defense as to necessitate their remaining at their posts of duty despite the fact that they held reserve commissions in the United States Army, and the request was made that these Agents, through the proper channels, submit their resignations from their commissions.

General Lewis B. Hershey of the Selective Service System pointed out in his Directive to all Local Boards of December 29, 1941, that Special Agent positions of the FBI were most important and essential to the national health, safety, and interests, and that the national defense functions of the FBI should not be impaired by the removal of trained personnel from critical positions in the Bureau.

The position of Special Agent has always been considered the most critical of all positions in the FBI, since, with the tremendous bulk of work placed upon us due to the war emergency, it is essential that a trained qualified staff be available for the handling of this work. If the Federal Bureau of Investigation cannot continue to retain its personnel in this critical position, aid and comfort would most certainly be given to the enemy and others whose interests are inimical to the best interests of the country today. Up to the present time the full complement of Special Agent personnel has not been secured and every effort is being made to secure the necessary additional Special Agent personnel.

I, J. Edgar Hoover, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of August 19 43

Notary Public

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Local Board No. 1

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Jones County

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Court House

Anson, Texas

(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Re: ROBERT S. STRAUSS
ORDER No. 2099

Dear Sir:

The Jones County Local Board have reviewed all II-B deferments of employees of the Federal Government, as we now have information that the request for deferment must be made by an Agency Review Committee, or is listed on approved Replacement Schedule.

The request for deferment for Robert S. Strauss, was possibly filed by your office before Public Law 23 was passed.

Should you wish to file a new request, made by either an Agency Review Committee, or shown on approved Replacement Schedule, this office will be glad for you to do so.

We will be glad to hear from you in regard to the above named registrant.

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Yours very truly,

Jones County Local Board

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Clerk.

cc Robert S. Strauss

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SS Form 42 A
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typed 8-28-43

Mr. Robert S. Strauss
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1318 Mercantile Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Strauss:

I have just learned of the arrival of your baby son, Robert Arno, and I want to take this occasion to extend to Mrs. Strauss and to you my congratulations on your good fortune.

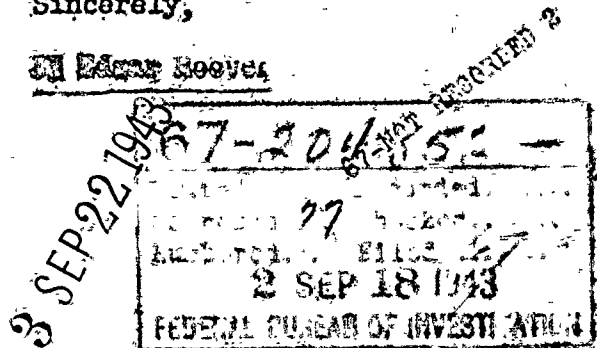
My sincere wish is that your son's life will be filled with an abundance of good health and happiness.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Acers _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Mumford _____
Mr. Starke _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

CC-SAC Dallas



**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

1318 Mercantile Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

August 17, 1943.

Director, FBI.

RE: ⁰ROBERT S. STRAUSS,
Special Agent.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you of the birth of a son, ROBERT ARNO STRAUSS, to Special Agent and Mrs. STRAUSS on August 16, 1943, in Dallas, Texas.

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Very truly yours,

R. G. DARNER
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CLASSIFICATION ADVICE

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Local Board No. 1 85
Jones County 253

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Court House

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August 24, 1943

(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

You are advised that—

Robert

Schwartz

Strauss

(First name)

(Middle name)

(Last name)

Order No. 2099 has been classified in Class

until 2-20-1944, 19

(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☒ Local Board.

☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of 3 to 1)

☐ President.

DSS Form 59
(Revised 3-29-43)

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February 17, 1944

Local Board Number 1
Selective Service System
Court House
Anson, Texas

RE: ROBERT SCHWARTZ STRAUSS
Order Number 2099

Gentlemen:

The Review Committee of the War Manpower Commission, established under the provisions of Executive Order 9309, has determined the position of Special Agent held by Mr. Strauss to be a key position within the meaning of said Executive Order.

The Agency Committee of this Bureau, which has been established in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 9309, recommends that the attached Forms 42 and 42 S be forwarded to you requesting occupational deferment on behalf of Mr. Strauss.

I would appreciate having these affidavits made a part of the file of the above-named registrant, and request your consideration of the same when you determine his classification. The principal place of employment of this registrant is Dallas, Texas.

Should you want any additional information, do not hesitate to call upon me. I shall keep you promptly advised of any change in the occupational status of this registrant.

Sincerely yours,

AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REQUEST

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

CC: Review Committee, War Manpower Commission.

CC: SAC Dallas

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS

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Mr. Strauss is a Special Agent and as such holds a key position as designated by the Review Committee of the War Manpower Commission within the meaning of Executive Order 9309. The performance of his duties is essential and critical to the execution of the work assigned by law and Executive Directive to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

To the Federal Bureau of Investigation is assigned the responsibility of investigating all acts of espionage, sabotage and all actions tending to undermine the internal security of the nation. We must also investigate and enforce all those federal statutes assigned to the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau such as: bank robbery, kidnaping, interference with the interstate transportation of goods, National Stolen Property Act, White Slave Traffic Act, etc., the enforcement of which is necessary to the preservation of the national health, safety and interest.

To carry on this work it is necessary to maintain a corps of trained investigators. Mr. Strauss is such a trained investigator. In the attached Form 42 S further information relative to Mr. Strauss is set forth.

J. Edgar Hoover

Washington, D. C.

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Notary Public

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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January 12, 1942	He can be contacted through	
	F.B.I. Headquarters	3500
	Washington, D. C.	
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Hamilton & Turner	Dallas, Texas	7/1/41	1/12/42	Attorney Not avail.

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Glyde A. Tolson
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February 17, 1944

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The arduousness and importance of the work of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was readily recognized by the military and naval leaders. The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, for the Secretary of the Navy, requested Special Agent employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to submit their resignations from reserve commissions held by them in the naval services because it had been determined that those Special Agents could better serve their country in their present assignments than if they were to be called into active naval service. The Secretary of War, in 1942, addressed personal communications to 168 Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who at that time held reserve commissions in the Army. The Secretary of War at that time advised the Special Agents that their employment in the FBI is of such vital importance to the national defense as to necessitate their remaining at their posts of duty despite the fact that they held reserve commissions in the United States Army, and the request was made that these Agents, through the proper channels, submit their resignations from their commissions.

General Lewis B. Hershey of the Selective Service System pointed out in his Directive to all Local Boards of December 29, 1941, that Special Agent positions of the FBI were most important and essential to the national health, safety, and interests, and that the national defense functions of the FBI should not be impaired by the removal of trained personnel from critical positions in the Bureau.

The position of Special Agent has always been considered the most critical of all positions in the FBI, since, with the tremendous bulk of work placed upon us due to the war emergency, it is essential that a trained qualified staff be available for the handling of this work. If the Federal Bureau of Investigation cannot continue to retain its personnel in this critical position, aid and comfort would most certainly be given to the enemy and others whose interests are inimical to the best interests of the country today.

I, J. Edgar Hoover, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of February 19 44

Notary Public

FIELD FIREARMS AND SCIENTIFIC TRAINING RECORD

OF SPECIAL AGENT

Robert S. Strauss

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund subsequent to December 18, 1943, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Mrs. Charles H. Strauss Address Stamford, Conn.
Relationship mother Dated December 13, 1943

Very truly yours,

ack. 1-9-44.
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Robert L. Strauss
Special Agent

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund subsequent to August 31, 1943, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

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The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Mrs Charles H. Strauss Address Stanford, Tenn
Relationship Wife Dated August 31, 1943

Very truly yours,

Robert S. Strauss
Special Agent

ack. 9-22-43
JH

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Dallas, Texas
February 26, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

RE: ROBERT S. STRAUSS, Special Agent;
Special Efficiency Report.

Special Agent STRAUSS makes a good appearance, dresses neatly, is clean-cut and intelligent. He has a rather pale complexion which gives him the appearance of possibly being in poor health but on the other hand he seems to be vigorous, active, and has very little sick leave. He has a good personality, is friendly, congenial, quick witted, and seems to be popular. He utilizes good judgment, analyzes his assignments well, is dependable, willing and cooperative. His volume of work is average or slightly above average for this office.

He is rated as a good dictator, he dictating an average of ten pages an hour, which is equivalent to the office average.

He is a good automobile driver, and keeps his Bureau car in good condition. He has testified before the U.S. Commissioner and Alien Enemy Hearing Board. I am informed he made a good impression, presenting his facts clearly and without bias.

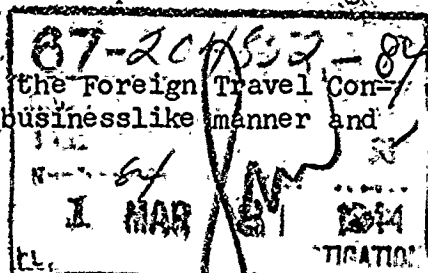
Special Agent STRAUSS is average in his handling of firearms, and could function on a dangerous assignment with proper supervision. He is not an excellent marksman but is calm and cool and could be depended upon not to lose his head.

He has had considerable experience handling physical surveillances; functions well on this type of assignment.

He is a fair typist; does not take shorthand. His reports are well organized, well prepared, show an ability to analyze and investigate a case.

He has made excellent contacts in this district, and seems to have a flare for this type of work. He can organize and initiate the usual types of investigations; has shown an ability to organize and initiate the more involved type; needs very little supervision. It has been necessary on occasions to follow him up on cases of minor importance requiring attention. However, for the most part he carries forward his work in a capable, efficient manner. He will accept responsibility; can be depended upon to discharge same without supervision.

This Agent was assigned the setting up of the Foreign Travel Control project in this district, went about it in a businesslike manner and did a good job.



2/26/44

RE: ROBERT S. STRAUSS, Special Agent;
Special Efficiency Report.

He has handled one sabotage case, bringing it to a logical conclusion. He has had experience in handling leads in espionage cases; has handled all other types of investigation, including Selective Service and the usual criminal types. He is making good progress along investigative lines.

This Agent exhibits latent supervisory ability but as yet has exhibited no administrative or executive ability, nor has he had the opportunity as yet. I am inclined to believe he is still somewhat young to be considered for this type of work.


He has had no experience on a technical surveillance in this district.

Very truly yours,



R. G. DANNER
Special Agent in Charge.

I have read this report:


Initials of Employee.

REPORT OF REGULAR () INTERIM ()
PROBATIONARY—1ST () 2D ()
SPECIAL EFFICIENCY RATING

Classification Symbols
CAF 10 \$3500.
(Service) (Grade) (Class)

As of February 12, 1944, based on performance during period from June 22, 1943, to February 12, 1944,

ROBERT S. STRAUSS, Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigation
(Name of employee) (Title of position) (Bureau)

U.S. Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas.
(Division) (Section) (Subsection or unit) (Field office)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE	1. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 2. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning employees on all elements pertinent to the position whether in <i>italics</i> or not. 3. Before rating, become thoroughly familiar with instructions in the rating manual.	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning <input type="checkbox"/> All others <input type="checkbox"/>
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| ----- (2) Mechanical skill. | ----- (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs. |
| ----- (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures. | ----- (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures. |
| ----- (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work). | ----- (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates. |
| ----- (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments. | ----- (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates. |
| ----- (6) Attention to pertinent detail. | ----- (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work. |
| ----- (7) Accuracy of operations. | ----- (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale. |
| ----- (8) Accuracy of final results. | ----- (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs. |
| ----- (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions. | ----- (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines. |
| ----- (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts. | ----- (30) Ability to make decisions. |
| ----- (11) Industry. | ----- (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act. |
| ----- (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments. | |
| ----- (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? -----) (Yes or no) | |
| ----- (14) Ability to organize his work. | |
| ----- (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others. | |
| ----- (16) Cooperativeness. | |
| ----- (17) Initiative. | |
| ----- (18) Resourcefulness. | |
| ----- (19) Dependability. | |
| ----- (20) Physical fitness for the work. | |

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

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STANDARD Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form		Adjective rating	Numerical rating
All underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Adjective rating Excellent		1
A majority of underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Very good		2 or 3
All underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks fully compensated by plus marks, or a majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks on underlined elements overcompensated by plus marks on underlined elements	Good		4, 5, or 6
A majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks not fully compensated by plus marks	Fair		7 or 8
A majority of underlined elements marked minus	Unsatisfactory		9

Rating official: VERY GOOD
Reviewing official: I have read this report:
Initials of Employee: R.S.S.

On the whole, do you consider the conduct of this employee to be satisfactory? Yes (See back of form)
(Yes or no)

Rated by R.G. DANNER Special Agent in Charge February 26, 1944.
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)

Reviewed by _____
(Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)

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March 1, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I appreciate very much indeed your personal letter
of February 14th.

I did have a very delightful talk with Special Agent Robert S. Strauss. I found him to be a splendid type of young man, in conformity with all the personnel in your department whom I have had the pleasure of meeting.

You are certainly to be commended for the splendid work you have done and I trust that some time on one of my trips to Washington, I will have the pleasure of dropping in to see you personally.

Sincerely yours

L. V. Stanford

Vice President

LVS.T

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Coffey ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
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Mr. Tolson

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1318 Mercantile Bank Building

Dallas, Texas
March 29, 1944

March 16, 1944

Mr. D. R. Morley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1318 Mercantile Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

PERSONNEL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Morley:

Reference is made to your letter of March 16, 1944, with which you transmitted a copy of the manuscript prepared by Special Agent Robert S. Strauss.

Dear Sir:
A review of Agent Strauss' manuscript indicates that it is too brief and not sufficiently comprehensive. While permission cannot be granted at this time, it is suggested that Agent Strauss prepare a more detailed manuscript for the Bureau's consideration in the future. It is recommended that the Bureau give consideration to authorizing Special Agent Strauss to appear before small groups.

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

D. R. Morley, SAC

Enc.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Speech prepared by Special Agent ROBERT S. STRAUSS, Dallas, Texas,
March 11, 1944, and submitted for Bureau approval:

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It is a distinct privilege to appear before you this evening. I am honored to represent that organization of your government which has become so much a part of your permanent security—The Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The F. B. I. came into existence in 1908 as an investigative agency of the Department of Justice; to give that Department a permanent investigative force under its immediate jurisdiction. The history of the F. B. I. from that date until 1924 is rather colorless and uninteresting. However, in 1924 a young and aggressive Washington Lawyer became Director of the Bureau and began to revolutionize crime detection and law enforcement through scientific investigation. Since 1924 John Edgar Hoover and his college trained Special Agents have become a byword throughout the nation.

Through these years Agents of the F. B. I. have faced the hardened criminals of the late twenties with their organized gangs and corrupt public officials, and the later era of bank robbers and kidnappers when once again the underworld lords threatened to rule our lives.

Then it was that the F. B. I. became front page news from coast to coast and the term G-Man was born. A term, by the way, which is never used within the ranks of the Bureau, but was merely a "catch-phrase" which caught the public fancy.

Through these years we have grown from 300 to 5,000 men. 5,000 Special Agents, each physically fit and possessing for a minimum the basic requirement of a college degree in Law or Accounting with practical experience in his respective field. Also each man has been thoroughly investigated and his appointment depends upon the possession of those qualities which are necessary for the efficient carrying on of the Bureau's work.

This background, plus four months of intensive training in our own F. B. I. Academy, which training includes work in the technical laboratory, in the classroom and on the firearms range, sends the Agent into the field capable of discharging any type of assignment. Much of this additional personnel was added to enable the Bureau to properly assume its additional responsibilities which were brought about in September of 1939 when the President issued his now famous directive charging the F. B. I. with the duty of protecting the Internal Security of the Nation.

As you well realize, the task of protecting the Internal Security of a nation during a period of world war is tremendous. Mr. Hoover, too, realized the magnitude of the job, and before many days had passed he issued the necessary instructions which caused the immediate cataloguing of subversive organizations and the gathering of data about their leaders. Soon Agents were pouring information into the files which were being filled with information gained as the result of vigorous and intelligent investigation throughout the country. This job was made easier by the cooperation of our citizens and a mobilization of all local law enforcement agencies.

Hitler had anticipated a weakened America. He and his henchmen expected to spread hatred, intolerance and distrust. With these weapons they hoped to cause disunity and chaos. Hitler had bragged that he would destroy America from within with his Army of Bundists whose principal purpose was to recruit those who would aid the Nazi cause in America. To show you the immensity of the task, our figures disclose that as of February 12, 1944 15,303 alien enemies had been taken into custody by Agents of the F. B. I. and cooperating law enforcement officers; in selective service matters, as of February 1,

1944 there have been 7,227 convictions and as a result of investigations where prosecution has not resulted 143,995 men have been made available for military service. It also took time, months and months of investigation to wipe out the Bund under our democratic form of life. It also takes time to build cases against individual foreign agents. No matter how guilty we may know a man to be, a long and tedious investigation must result before sufficient facts can be gathered which will cause this guilt to be established in a fair and impartial American courtroom. However, immediately after the bombing of Pearl Harbor ten thousand enemies of the country were taken into custody. Many were imprisoned, many more interned for the duration and many others were released. These were the potential spies and saboteurs. They were apprehended on the basis of previous investigations before they could sabotage our war effort. We only have to look at the landing of the eight saboteurs by submarine on the East Coast to see how desperate Germany was to replace their saboteurs who had been taken into custody.

Espionage has faced the same relentless methods. Since the declaration of war several major espionage rings have been broken by the F. B. I.

In dealing with spies an entirely different plan of strategy must be used from that employed in apprehending bank robbers and kidnappers. If the F. B. I. were to arrest a spy as soon as he is identified, foreign espionage systems would be highly pleased. It would then be simple for the foreign powers to assign new agents to replace those apprehended. Also their methods would be changed again. This would place the F. B. I. right back where it started.

The real test of effectiveness lies in the number of enemies who are located, their contacts established, the sources of information uncovered and then controlled. That is, control their information received and transmitted to such an extent that the foreign power receives little or nothing of real

value. The underlings of espionage are comparatively harmless and their arrest will accomplish little. However, when placed under surveillance a foreign agent becomes a valuable source of information. He can lead to every other member of the ring, as well as disclose their entire method of operation. To accomplish such, often enemy agents are under the constant surveillance of Agents of the Bureau for months at a time.

With this in mind, let us look at the Dusquene case...

RELATE DUSQUENE CASE AND CLOSE

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Jones County	253
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(Middle name)

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Special Agent

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Employed by Hamilton, Harrell, Hamilton and Turner,
Dallas, Texas, from July 1, 1941, until January 12, 1942, as an attorney.

B.B. degree, University of Texas, Austin, Texas,

from 1935 until 1941.

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See attachment cover old letter

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The comments contained on attachment concerning replacement of
employees fully answer this question.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Washington, D. C.

J. Edgar Hoover
the Director

THIS IS A KEY POSITION REQUEST

15th

April

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Clyde A. Tolson, Chairman

SPECIAL AGENTS

DUTIES ACTUALLY PERFORMED: This employee is a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and in such capacity performs criminal and civil investigative work in connection with the many matters under the primary jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. At the present time and since the declaration of the first limited emergency in 1939, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been utilized a great majority of the time in investigating matters pertaining to espionage, sabotage, counter-espionage, and like matters under the primary jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This Agent, in his present capacity, is charged with the responsibility of conducting such investigations so that the internal security of the country may be safeguarded. In addition to the many matters of internal security which must be investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, there is also under the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation the enforcement of the kidnapping, extortion, bank robbery, white slavery, motor vehicle theft and numerous other statutes. In performing the duties of a Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, every Special Agent must be thoroughly qualified to handle all types of our work. It is not possible to have specialists in one line of endeavor and the work, due to its arduousness, makes it necessary that every Agent be capable of performing arduous physical exertion, that every Agent be fully qualified in the use of all types of firearms utilized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that every Agent be appropriately trained in self-defense tactics so that he may take into custody any individual who has been charged with a violation of a Federal statute, regardless of whether it may be necessary to have physical encounter with such an individual in order to effect his apprehension.

It has been necessary for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, since the declaration of the first emergency in 1939 to greatly expand its force. All applicants who possessed the basic qualifications and were appointed to Special Agent positions were given a rigid and extensive course of training covering a period of approximately three months before they were sent to the field to perform actual investigative work.

AVERAGE HOURS WORKED PER WEEK: The regular working hours per week for Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are 48 hours; however, for the past 10 years, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation have continuously averaged from 70 to 80 working hours per week. The condition of the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at this time makes it necessary that the Agents necessarily continue to perform such hours of work. They are not compensated for any work over 48 hours a week, the remaining hours being voluntarily worked by them. In addition thereto, every Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation must be in continuous contact with his headquarters and is subject to 24-hour duty, many times it being necessary for him to work for extended periods of time without proper food and rest.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO REPLACE THIS EMPLOYEE: The Federal Bureau of Investigation, under its existing appropriations, is authorized to have 4,853 Special Agents. We have not been able to fully recruit this staff of Special Agents and it cannot at this time be said that this Special Agent can be replaced in the future. The pending work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which consists mainly of matters pertaining to the internal security of the country, is in a delinquent condition. At the present time more than 50,000 cases of violations of Federal statutes under the primary jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation such as espionage, kidnapping, subversive activities, bank robbery, white slavery, etc., are in a delinquent status. It is essential that our experienced personnel be continued if we are to properly perform the duties imposed upon us due to the present war condition.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, since the passage of the Selective Service Act, has been most circumspect in the appointment of applicants to positions in this Bureau and when an applicant who may have possessed all of the qualifications for appointment to the position of Special Agent was subject to induction into the military service within any reasonable period of time, he was not given consideration for appointment to the position of Special Agent under any circumstances. In the event an applicant may have been subject to induction in the distant future due to dependency or other classification, favorable consideration was not given his application unless concurrence was given by his Local Draft Board.

Under present conditions, with the manpower problem so acute, the Federal Bureau of Investigation finds it is impossible to recruit draft-free applicants for appointment to Special Agent positions. It is not possible to appoint those physically disqualified or those in advanced years because of the hours which must be worked, and the hardships which must be endured. The physical activity which is necessary makes it essential that only those who can withstand the most arduous physical exertion be considered for Special Agent appointments.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS COMPANY: The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been charged by Congress and by the President with the enforcement of certain Federal statutes and the internal security measures promulgated by the Congress and the President. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has sole jurisdiction of the civilian internal security of our country and under such jurisdiction investigates matters pertaining to espionage, sabotage, counter-espionage, activities of foreign Agents, activities of subversive groups and many other matters which pertain to the internal security of the nation. We also have jurisdiction over the investigation of crimes such as kidnaping, bank robbery, extortion, white slavery, automobile theft, impersonation, illegal wearing of uniforms, war frauds and many other crimes against the safety and security of the people of our nation.

In addition to the investigative activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, its Identification Division is the largest repository in the world for fingerprint records. Under Congressional Act, appropriating funds for the operation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, this Bureau is charged with the responsibility of gathering identification data and disseminating it to various law enforcement agencies, government agencies and others who, by law, are entitled to have such information.

The majority of the work of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the present time pertains to national defense. During the past year approximately 70,000 sets of fingerprint records were received daily and our total collection of fingerprint records is over 80,000,000 sets. Large numbers of fingerprint records are received daily from the Army, Navy, Coast Guard and affiliated military and naval organizations, from the Civil Service Commission of the United States Government, from law enforcement officials and many prints are being received through law enforcement agencies of persons who are endeavoring to secure employment in national defense industry. It is absolutely essential that these prints be handled promptly, that they be searched through our files and if any of these individuals have previous criminal or police records, that the official Government or law enforcement agency be so advised.

It has been noted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation from a review of fingerprint records received that on a number of occasions those having subversive or other inclinations inimical to the best interests of our country have endeavored to infiltrate, not only into our national defense industries, but into our armed forces so that through devious efforts they might slow down the successful war effort.

In addition to the aforementioned activities, the Technical Laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, staffed with scientists of proven experience and ability, are performing duties approximately 100% of time pertaining to sabotage and espionage activities carried on within the borders of our country by those having the Axis interests at heart. Hundreds of cases are received daily in the Technical Laboratory having to do with secret codes, cryptographs, hidden messages, the sabotaging of national defense industry, airplanes, trains and component parts thereof, which evidence must be immediately handled so that the successful war effort of this country can be continued. This work, of course, cannot be continued if qualified technical personnel is not available to handle it.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation at the present time has an authorized ceiling of employees of 13,700. We are approximately 1,200 people short at this time and every effort is being put forth to secure the necessary personnel to fill the positions authorized. This personnel is not being recruited for the mere purpose of filling an authorized quota. It is being recruited because it is absolutely essential, if we are to continue to remain in a current status in so far as our work is concerned, that sufficient personnel be employed to handle the most important tasks being referred to the Bureau for attention today. The investigative work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is in a delinquent status. The investigative staff, during the last fiscal year, performed uncompensated overtime totalling 3,814,380 hours, and, considering an average staff of approximately 4,500 people performing this overtime over and above the 48 hour week, it can be seen that every effort is being expended by the present investigative personnel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to maintain the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in a current status.

It is essential that the fingerprint records and the technical evidence being forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for handling be promptly handled and the need for personnel at the Seat of Government mainly stems from the Identification Division wherein the fingerprint records are handled. All employees being recruited for the Identification Division are female. We have not recruited any draft-eligible male employees for such activities for the past several years. The appropriation for the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the next fiscal year is still pending and it cannot at this time be definitely stated the number of personnel which will be allowed for our activities then.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Glavin ,

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: ROBERT S. STRAUSS
Special Agent
Dallas Field Division

DATE: May 22, 1944

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Mumford _____
Mr. Jones _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Beahm _____
Miss Gandy _____

Entered on duty	1/12/42
Present grade and salary	CAF-10, \$3500
Last salary change	10/16/42
Age	25 (10/19/18)
Marital status	Married
Education	LL.B. Degree
Offices of preference	Dallas, Houston, San Antonio
Last efficiency rating	VERY GOOD (4/1/44)
Draft status	2-B
Deferment requested	Yes

This Agent entered on duty 1/12/42, was assigned to the Des Moines and Cincinnati offices and is now assigned to Dallas. On 10/16/42 he was reallocated to Grade CAF-10, \$3500 per annum. His services have been above average.

On 4/1/44 SAC Morloy rated him as VERY GOOD and said he presented a good personal appearance, possessed a very good personality, was affable, intelligent and had a desirable degree of force and aggressiveness, and exhibited good judgment in handling assignments. He was rated as GOOD in his ability to dictate, and his reports are generally above average and reflect good investigations and careful preparation. He will assume responsibility for, organize and initiate investigations in proper fashion. He has handled all types of cases, and has demonstrated ability to handle the more involved types, including Anti-Trust, and needs little supervision. He has some supervisory ability but has not been given any extensive assignments along these lines. He is not yet ready for administrative or executive assignments. His contacts are above average and he is well regarded by law enforcement officers and business contacts.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that he be reallocated to Grade CAF-11, \$3800 per annum.

*Letter to employee
Pers. Div. to Dept.
5-31-44
J. P. Mohr*

2 JUN 2 1944

J. P. Mohr

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Prepared by: *lm*
 Checked by:
 Filed by:

Mr.
 Miss
 Mrs. Mr. Robert S. Strauss Date May 31, 1944

New appointment ☐ Transfer ☐ Promotion ☒ Separation ☐

PRESENT STATUS

1. Title: Special Agent 2. Grade: CAY 10
 3. Salary: \$3500 per annum 4. Seat of Government: ☐
 Field: ☒
 5. Division: 6. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses, FBI"
(National Defense)

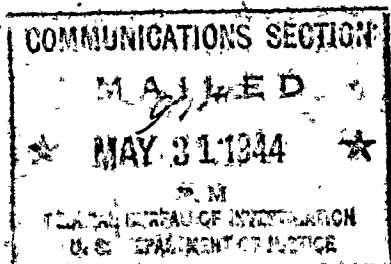
PROPOSED ACTION

7. Title: Special Agent 8. Grade: CAY 11
 9. Salary: \$3800 per annum 10. Seat of Government: ☐
 Field: ☒
 11. Division: 12. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses, FBI"
(National Defense)
 13. Effective: June 1, 1944 14. Position: ☐ Additional: ☒
☐ Vice:
☐ Identical:
 15. Remarks:

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Chief, Audit Section
 CCO-Selective Service Section. Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Tolson
 Mr. E. A. Tamm
 Mr. Clegg
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 Miss Gandy



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund subsequent to April 15, 1944, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Mrs. C. H. Strauss Address Stamford, Texas 95
Relationship Mother Dated Apr. 13, 1944

Very truly yours,

Robert S. Strauss
Special Agent

ack. 4-25-44
mch

APR 27 1944
NOT RECORDED
mch

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1318 Mercantile Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

April 17, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: Robert S. Strauss, Special Agent
Agents' Insurance Fund

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the check of the above-named Special Agent in the amount of \$10.00, his contribution to the captioned fund. The delay in transmitting this subscription was occasioned by Mr. Strauss' absence from the office due to illness.

Very truly yours,

*Enclosure detached
4-25-44
mlh*

W. R. Morley Jr.
Dean R. Morley SAC

File
APR 27 1944
mlh

Enc.
REGISTERED

REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ()
OFFICIAL: REGULAR (✓) SPECIAL { }
PROBATIONAL or TRIAL PERIOD { }

As of March 31, 1944 based on performance during period from April 1, 1943 to March 31, 1944

Robert S. Strauss
(Name of employee)

Special Agent - CAF-10 3500
(Title of position, service, and grade)

Federal Bureau of Investigation - Dallas Field Division
(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE	1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, C. S. C. Form No. 3823A. 2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i> .	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning <input type="checkbox"/> All others <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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- _____ (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments.
_____ (2) Mechanical skill.
✓ (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures.
_____ (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work).
± (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments.
± (6) Attention to pertinent detail.
_____ (7) Accuracy of operations.
± (8) Accuracy of final results.
± (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions.
± (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts.
✓ (11) Industry.
✓ (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.
✓ (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? _____) (Yes or no)
± (14) Ability to organize his work.
± (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others.
± (16) Cooperativeness.
± (17) Initiative.
✓ (18) Resourcefulness.
± (19) Dependability.
± (20) Physical fitness for the work.

- _____ (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs.
_____ (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs.
_____ (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures.
_____ (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates.
_____ (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates.
_____ (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work.
_____ (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale.
_____ (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs.
_____ (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines.
_____ (30) Ability to make decisions.
_____ (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act.

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

- ✓ (A) Ability to direct and lead raids and dangerous assignments
_____ (B) _____
_____ (C) _____

STANDARD

Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form

Plus marks on all underlined elements, and no minus marks.
Plus marks on at least half of the underlined elements, and no minus marks.
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and any minus marks overcompensated by plus marks.
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and minus marks not overcompensated by plus marks.
Minus marks on at least half of the underlined elements.

Adjective rating
Excellent
Very good
Good
Fair
Unsatisfactory
Rating official
Very Good
RECORDED
Agent's Initials: RSS

Rated by [Signature] Special Agent in Charge April 1, 1944
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)
Reviewed by [Signature] Assistant Director
(Signature of reviewing official) Federal Bureau of Investigation (Title)
Rating approved by efficiency rating committee _____ Report to employee _____
(Date) (Adjective rating)

DRM/trb

1318 Mercantile Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

April 1, 1944

M E M O R A N D U MRe: Robert S. Strauss, Special Agent
Annual Efficiency Report

This memorandum supplements Standard Form of Efficiency Rating No. 51, and with that form comprises the annual rating on Special Agent Strauss.

Mr. Strauss makes a good personal appearance, and has a very good personality. He is affable, intelligent, and has a desirable degree of force and aggressiveness. He has exhibited good judgment in the handling of his assignments. His dress is neat and conservative.


He is rated as "Good" in ability to dictate, is a good automobile driver and a good witness. He is average in the use of Bureau firearms, and could function properly on a dangerous assignment under supervision. He has handled physical surveillances in an above-average fashion. He is average in typing ability for a special agent, and does not take shorthand. His reports are generally above average, and reflect good investigations and careful preparation. His contacts are above average, and he is well regarded by law enforcement officers and business contacts. He has demonstrated ability to handle the more involved types of cases, including Anti-Trust, and he needs little supervision. He will assume the responsibility for, organize and initiate these investigations in the proper fashion.

Mr. Strauss has handled Sabotage, Espionage, Security Matters, and Selective Service. In the criminal field he has worked on Anti-Trust, Larceny from Interstate Shipment, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, White Slave Traffic Act, Theft of Government Property, Illegal Wearing of the Uniform, Impersonation, and Crimes on Government Reservations.

This agent has some supervisory ability, but has not been given any extensive assignments along these lines. He is not yet ready for administrative or executive assignment. He has not been exclusively assigned to technical surveillance.

Generally, this man is a better-than-average agent. He is conscientious and capable in the handling of his duties.

RSS

Initials
Dean R. Morley, SAC

May 31, 1944

Mr. Robert S. Strauss
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
1318 Mercantile Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Strauss:

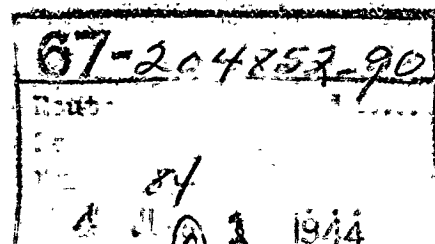
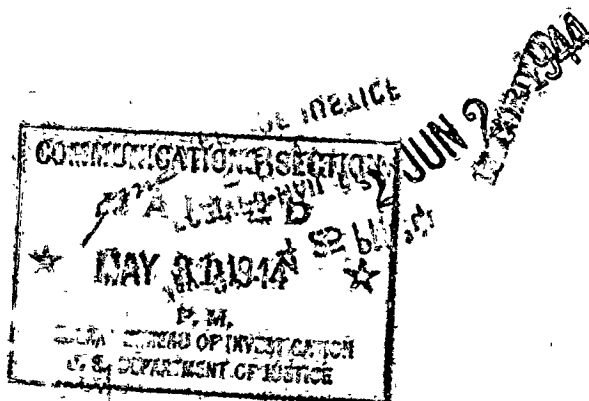
I am indeed pleased to advise you that you have been recommended for promotion from the position of Special Agent, Grade GAF 10, \$3500 per annum to the position of Special Agent, Grade GAF 11, \$3800 per annum, effective June 1, 1944.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc: SAC, Dallas
CCO-Selective Service Section

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Mohr _____
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Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Mumford _____
Mr. Jones _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____



FW:IDC

June 6, 1944

Brigadier General J. Watt Page
State Director of Selective Service
Tribune Building
Austin 17, Texas

Dear General Page:

I am enclosing herewith D.S.S. Forms 42-A Special for the following registrants under 26 years of age principally employed in the area over which your office has jurisdiction:

Robert Schwarz Strauss
Edward James Archer, Jr.
Dryon Julian Wheeler
Dick Howell Young
Ralph H. Schappell

Earle Harford Clark
Fernando J. Guquet
William H. Sandweg
George Francis Zografos

The above listed employees are Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and as such occupy a position in the Federal Government coming within criteria previously adopted by the Inter-Agency Committee and certified to by the Review Committee on Deferment of Government Employees. The position of Special Agent occupied by the aforementioned employees has been, prior to this time, considered by the Inter-Agency Committee and has been approved for exception to the general rule that registrants under 26 years of age shall not be granted occupational deferment.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

CC: SAC, Houston
El Paso
Dallas

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
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Mr. Lamford _____
Mr. Jones _____
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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

CLASSIFICATION ADVICE

App. Not Req.



LOCAL BOARD NO. 1	35
Jones County	253
AUG 8 1944	001
Court House Anson, Texas	

(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)

AUG 8 1944

(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

You are advised that—

Robert

Schwartz

Strauss

(First name)

(Middle name)

(Last name)

Order No. 2099 has been classified in Class II-B

until 12-1-1944, 19

(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☒ Local Board.

☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of to).

☐ President.

DSS Form 59
(Revised 12-10-43)

(See other side)

(Member or clerk of local board)

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RECORDED
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mac Dunwoody

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com, re

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Name: **MR. ROBERT S. STRAUSS**

Date: **May 31, 1944**

You are advised of the following action concerning your employment in the Department of Justice:

Nature of Action: **PROMOTION**

Effective: **June 1, 1944**

	FROM	TO
POSITION	Special Agent	Special Agent
GRADE SALARY	Caf-10 \$3500	Caf-11 \$3800
BUREAU OR DIVISION	FBI	FBI
HEADQUARTERS	FIELD	FIELD
APPROPRIATION	S&E, FBI, NATL. DEF.	S&E, FBI, NATL. DEF.
DEPARTMENTAL OR FIELD	FIELD	FIELD

REMARKS:

14 JUN 27 1944
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By direction of the Attorney General.
20 1944

*New appointees must take oath of office,
enter on duty and execute necessary appoint-
ment papers before any payment of salary can
be made.*

This action invalid with-
out perforated signature.

JOHN O. CARRON

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Name: **MR. ROBERT S. STRAUSS**

Date: **May 31, 1944**

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Nature of Action: **PROMOTION**

Effective: **June 1, 1944**

No. CIVIL SERVICE OR
OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

	FROM	TO	NATURE OF POSITION
POSITION	Special Agent	Special Agent	(a) NEW
GRADE	Cat-10	Cat-11	P. C. No.
SALARY	\$3500	\$3800	(b) ADDTL. IDENT. X
BUREAU OR DIVISION	FBI	FBI	P. C. No.
HEADQUARTERS	FIELD	FIELD	(c) VICE
APPROPRIATION	CAF, FBI, NATL. DEF.	CAF, FBI, NATL. DEF.	P. C. No.
DEPARTMENTAL OR FIELD	FIELD	FIELD	DATE OF OATH

REMARKS:

*File
6-19-44
J. Cannon*

September 7, 1944

Mr. Robert S. Strauss
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1318 Mercantile Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

The Bureau is in receipt of the report of the physical examination afforded you at the United States Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, on August 12, 1944.

None.

Vaccination for smallpox.
Inoculation for typhoid.
Inoculation for tetanus.

Sincerely yours,

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
 CC: MOBILE 9
 * SEP 3 1961 P.M.
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL AGENTS
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NAME ROBERT S. STRAUSS AGE 25 YEARS, 10 MONTHS
NATIVITY (state of birth) TEXAS MARRIED, SINGLE, WIDOWED: M NUMBER OF CHILDREN 1
FAMILY HISTORY Father has heart trouble

HISTORY OF ILLNESS OR INJURY Nose operation to remove spur on side caused by blow on nose (1939). Approximately 5 days sick leave.

HEAD AND FACE n
EYES: PUPILS (size, shape, reaction to light and distance, etc.)

DISTANT VISION RT. 20/20, corrected to 20/ Review of systems negative
LT. 20/20, corrected to 20/ 3 mi/day

COLOR PERCEPTION normal
(state edition of Stilling's plates or Lamps used)

DISEASE OR ANATOMICAL DEFECTS n
EARS: HEARING RT. WHISPERED VOICE 15/15' CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH /15'
LT. WHISPERED VOICE 15/15' CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH /15'

DISEASE OR DEFECTS n
NOSE n

(Disease or anatomical defect, obstruction, etc. State degree)

SINUSES n

TONGUE, PALATE, PHARYNX, LARYNX, TONSILS n

TEETH AND GUMS (disease or anatomical defect):

MISSING TEETH 3, 14, 15, 19,

NONVITAL TEETH n

PERIAPICAL DISEASE n

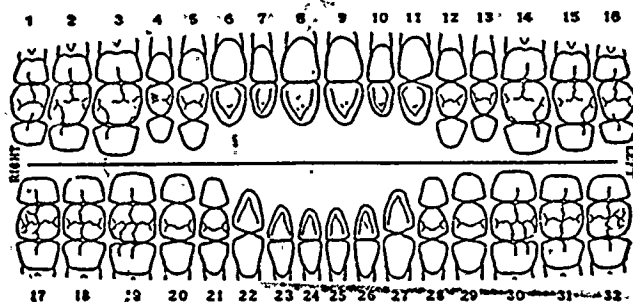
MARKED MALOCCLUSION n

PYORRHEA ALVEOLARIS n

TEETH REPLACED BY BRIDGES n

DENTURES n

REMARKS n



4 SEP 1 1944 R. B. WOLCOTT (Signature of Dental Officer) 167-204852-93

GENERAL BUILD AND APPEARANCE healthy

TEMPERATURE 98 CHEST AT EXPIRATION 35 1/2 Number 32

HEIGHT 71 1/4 CHEST AT INSPIRATION 37 1/2 AUG 31 1944

WEIGHT 148 CIRCUMFERENCE OF ABDOMEN AT UMBILICUS 32

RECENT GAIN OR LOSS, AMOUNT AND CAUSE no change

SKIN, HAIR, AND GLANDS n

NECK (abnormalities, thyroid gland, trachea, larynx) n

SPINE AND EXTREMITIES (bones, joints, muscles, feet) n

THORAX (size, shape, movement, rib cage, mediastinum) n
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM, BRONCHI, LUNGS, PLEURA, ETC. n

Healthy chest

CARDIO-VASCULAR SYSTEM n

HEART (note all signs of cardiac involvement) n

PULSE: BEFORE EXERCISE 84 BLOOD PRESSURE: SYSTOLIC 110

AFTER EXERCISE 35 } 77 DIASTOLIC 60

B THREE MINUTES AFTER 42

CONDITION OF ARTERIES n CHARACTER OF PULSE n

CONDITION OF VEINS n HEMORRHOIDS n

ABDOMEN AND PELVIS (condition of wall, scars, herniae, abnormality of viscera) n

GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM n

URINALYSIS: SP. GR. 1.016 ALB. n SUGAR n MICROSCOPICAL n

VENEREAL DISEASE n

NERVOUS SYSTEM n

(organic or functional disorders)

ROMBERG n INCOORDINATION (gait, speech) n

REFLEXES, SUPERFICIAL n DEEP (knee, ankle, elbow) n TREMORS n

SEROLOGICAL TESTS n BLOOD TYPE A

ABNORMAL PSYCHE (neurasthenia, psychasthenia, depression, instability, worries) n

SMALLPOX VACCINATION: DATE OF LAST VACCINATION none in five years

TYPHOID PROPHYLAXIS: NUMBER OF COURSES none in five years

DATE OF LAST COURSE tet. tox. 0

REMARKS ON ABNORMALITIES NOT OTHERWISE NOTED OR SUFFICIENTLY DESCRIBED ABOVE

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS none

CAPABLE OF PERFORMING DUTIES INVOLVING strenuous PHYSICAL EXERTION

IS THIS INDIVIDUAL PHYSICALLY FIT TO PARTICIPATE IN RAIDS AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS
WHICH MIGHT ENTAIL THE PRACTICAL USE OF FIREARMS yes (yes or no)

(when no is given state cause)

FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMARKS (as per boards, when necessary)

TYPHOID AND SMALLPOX PROPHYLAXIS

TETANUS TOXOID

BENJAMIN V. WHITE

LIEUT. (MC) U.S.N.R.

DATE OF EXAMINATION 8/12/44

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

LAH:JVR

TO : CLYDE A. TOLSON *✓*

DATE: August 19, 1944

FROM : H. H. CLEGG

SUBJECT:

SPECIAL AGENT ROBERT S. STRAUSS
 IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE
 FROM 7/31/44 TO 8/12/44
 EOD - 1/12/42
 GRADE - CAF 11
 SALARY - \$3800
 ASSIGNED TO - DALLAS

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND TESTIFYING IN COURT
 (Based on 5-minute speech and interrogation.)

APPEARANCE: GOOD

DELIVERY: GOOD

SUBJECT-MATTER: GOOD

APPRAISAL OF QUALIFICATIONS:

A. Bureau Speaker

1. Fully qualified

2. Potential ability X

3. Not qualified

B. Police Instructor

1. Fully qualified

2. Potential ability X

3. Not qualified

C. Ability under cross examination

GOOD

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AFFORDED: Yes

GRADES ATTAINED:

NOTEBOOK - Good

WRITTEN EXAMINATION - 99

HIP SHOOTING - 90

PRACTICAL PISTOL COURSE - 92

SHOTGUN - 90

.30 RIFLE - 81

MACHINE GUN - 100

GENERAL FIREARMS ABILITY - Average

TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT QUALIFICATIONS:

Very Good

REMARKS:

NEEDS TO DEVELOP MORE FORCE & SELF-ASSURANCE
INJECTS "AH" EVERY NOW AND THEN INTO PAUSES
IN HIS TALK. MORE EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED BEFORE
AUDITOR: HE CAN BE QUALIFIED.

SAC PARKER BREESE

REMARKS: Interviewing official - Mr. Frank T. Grassy

Although a little young looking, Strauss makes a good personal appearance. He speaks with a distinct southern drawl and has a typical, congenial Texan personality. Strauss appears confident and it is believed that he will exhibit aggressiveness when necessary.

This Agent stated that he was assigned to the Dallas office upon his request, because of the serious illness of his father who had suffered three strokes. His father resides about 200 miles from Dallas. Strauss informs that his father's health has not improved and it was one of those propositions where he might live a number of years and on the other hand might die any time.

This Agent appears average for his length of service with the Bureau.

No supervisory ability was noted at this time.

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
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 Mr. Mumford _____
 Mr. Jones _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Gandy _____

LAH:CL

August 12, 1944

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SAC, Dallas

RE: ROBERT J. STRAUSS
SPECIAL AGENT

Dear Sir:

The above-named Special Agent attended an In-Service training course at the Seat of Government from July 31 to August 12, 1944.

He attained the following grades:

Notebook	Good
Written Examination	99
Technical Equipment Qualifications	Very Good
Hip Shooting	90
Practical Pistol Course	92
Shotgun	90
.30 Rifle	81
Machine Gun	100

The firearms grades should be entered on the individual field firearms training record card.

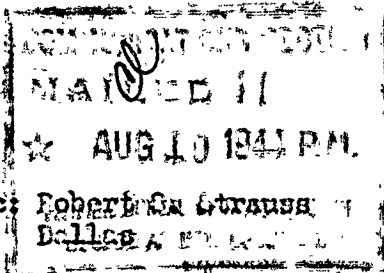
Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc: Robert J. Strauss
Dallas

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

1318 Mercantile Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

September 26, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: Robert S. Strauss, Special Agent
Selective Service Status

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Special Agent Strauss has been
classified 2-B by Local Board 1, Jones County, Texas,
until December 1, 1944. His order number is 2099.

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Very truly yours,

67-204852-94

[Signature]
Dean R. Morley, SAC

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund subsequent to August 31, 1944, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name MRS. CHARLES H. STRAUSS Address STAMFORD, TEXAS
Relationship MOTHER Dated August 30, 1944

Very truly yours,

Robert S. Strauss
Special Agent

*ack
9-9-44
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File

Very truly yours

ROBERT SCHWARTZ STRAUSS

ASSIGNED TO: DALLAS, TEXAS

2099

26, Born: October 19, 1918

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Jones

Anson

Texas

Mr. Strauss is a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and holds a key position within the meaning of Executive Order 9309.

Occupation:

It is requested that the above-named registrant, who is employed by an agency in or under the Federal Government, be classified in Class II-A or Class II-B by reason of the fact that he is "necessary to and regularly engaged in" an activity in support of the national health, safety or interest, or an activity in war production and is between the ages of 26 and 29, inclusive. Form 42 (Sup.) giving complete details concerning the registrant and his occupation is attached.

Agency Stamp:

AUTHORIZED
GOVERNMENT REQUEST
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FBI REGIONAL AGENT COMMITTEE
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date 11/6/44

Clyde A. Tolson, Chairman

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Tolson
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

★ NOV 7 1944 P.M.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Review Committee

War Manpower Commission

6th

November

Notary Public

AUTHORIZED
GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
F.B.I. REGIONAL OFFICE
11/8/44
WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date Clyde A. Tolson, Chairman

ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS

2099

October 19, 1918

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Anson

Jones

Texas

Special Agent.

x

U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

See attachment. Mr. Strauss is an investigatory agent charged with the duty of investigating violations of the laws of the United States, collecting evidence in cases in which the United States is or may be a party in interest, and performing other duties imposed upon him by law.

January 12, 1942

Dallas, Texas

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Hamilton, Harrell,

Hamilton & Turner

Dallas, Texas

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1/12/42

Attorney

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University of Texas

Austin, Texas

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Law

See attachment - over 6 months

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2B	5/4/43	LB	11/3/43				

Yes

June 7, 1943

See attachment

See attachment

See attachment

Approximately
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none

See attachment

See attachment

Clyde A. Tolson

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November 6, 1944

CLASSIFICATION ADVICE

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LOCAL BOARD NO. 1
Jones County 200

NOV 13 1944 000

Court House
Anson, Texas

(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)

NOV 13 1944

(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

You are advised that—

Robert

Schwartz

Strauss

(First name)

(Middle name)

(Last name)

Order No. 2099

has been classified in Class

II-B

until 5-6-1945, 19

(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☒ Local Board.

☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of to).

☐ President.

DSS Form 19
(Revised 12-10-43)

(See other side)

(Member or clerk of local board)

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Strauss
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Court House Anson, Texas		

(Local Board Date Stamp W/ a Code)

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(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

You are advised that—

Robert

(First name)

Schwartz

(Middle name)

Strauss

(Last name)

Order No. 2099

has been classified in Class

II-A

until 5-6-1945

(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

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by ☒ Local Board.

☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of _____ to _____).

☐ President.

DSS Form 59
(Revised 12-10-43)

(See other side)

(Member or clerk of local board)

16-87688-2

ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS

SPECIAL AGENT

DATE OF ENTRY ON DUTY:

January 12, 1942

GRADE AND SALARY:

CAF-10, \$3,500

OFFICE OF PREFERENCE:

(1) Dallas; (2) San Antonio;
(3) Miami

EXAMINATION:

91½

BADGE: OK GUN: OK CREDENTIALS: OK

SAC MORLEY:

Mr. Strauss is on general assignment at Dallas. He makes a good personal appearance, dresses well, and has a good personality. He is affable, intelligent, and has the desirable degree of force and aggressiveness. His judgment is better than average. He is a good automobile driver, and is average in the use of Bureau firearms. I believe he could function on dangerous assignment under supervision. He has handled physical surveillances in an above-average fashion in the past. His reports have generally been good. The only criticism of this man is that he has a tendency at times to take it a little too easy. I think he could be a little more industrious without overworking. He is capable of assuming the responsibility for the usual types of investigations, and he has exhibited some supervisory ability in the handling of his own assignments. Increased production is my only suggestion for improvement. Status: VERY GOOD. //

INSPECTOR ACERS:

Mr. Strauss is 25 years old, married and has 1 son. He had 14 cases assigned to him, 1 lead and as of August 31, 1944, his delinquency was 53.3%. He is neat and clean and dresses in good taste. He is interested and knows his cases. Mr. Strauss has a quick and alert mind. For his age and experience, he has a broad general knowledge about local and national affairs. He comprehends readily and should continue to develop with experience. I feel this man should be transferred to a metropolitan area in the east as soon as his father's condition will permit. His father still suffers from angina pectoris. Status: VERY GOOD. //

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Inspection Report
Dallas Office
September 19, 1944
Inspector M. W. Acers

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Jackson, Mississippi
February 10, 1945

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

RE: AGENT'S INSURANCE FUND

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Transmitted herewith, please find check of
Special Agent ROBERT S. STRAUSS in the amount of \$10.00, as
his payment for Agent's Insurance Fund.

Special Agent STRAUSS is assigned Dallas Field
Division, and is presently in Jackson Field Division on
special assignment.

Very truly yours;

Robert S. Strauss

ROBERT S. STRAUSS
Special Agent

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund prior to February 10, 1945, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~MONEY ORDER~~) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

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Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary for F. B. I. Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Same as before Address _____
Relationship _____ Dated 2-10-45

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500-death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name Same Address _____
Relationship _____ Dated _____

Very truly yours,

Robert S. Strauss

Special Agent per lett 2-10-45

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DM:FB

ROBERT S. STRAUSS - - - - - SPECIAL AGENT

ENTERED ON DUTY:

January 12, 1942

SALARY:

CAF-11, \$3600.00

OFFICE OF PREFERENCE:

(1) Dallas (2) San Antonio
(3) Miami

EXAMINATION:

None

SAC MORLEY:

Mr. Strauss is on general assignment at Dallas. This man makes a good personal appearance and has a better than average personality. He dresses well. I consider him average in investigative ability. He has a desirable degree of force and aggressiveness. His volume of production is a little below average and he needs to strive to improve in this regard. He is considered good in ability to dictate and good as a witness. His contacts, particularly among the prominent Jewish citizens of Dallas, are very good. I do not consider Mr. Strauss qualified for supervisory assignment.

Status: "GOOD".

Inspection Report
Dallas Office
December 14, 1944
SAC D. R. MORLEY

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WRG:es

March 23, 1945

Local Board Number 1
Selective Service System
Court House
Anson, Texas

RE: ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS
Order Number 2099

Gentlemen:

There is enclosed herewith for the consideration of your Board, properly certified D.S.S. Form 42-A (Special-Revised), in triplicate, covering the Agency Committee's request for occupational deferment of the above-named registrant.

This revised form, properly certified, is necessary under Local Board Memorandum Number 115-F, as amended February 21, 1945, and it will be appreciated if consideration can be given this request for deferment, by the members of your Board.

An appropriate copy of this form is being forwarded to the State Director covering the principal place of employment of this registrant in conformance with existing regulations.

4 MAR 31 1945
Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure
CC: SAC, Dallas

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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MAR 27 1945 P.M.
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation

2510 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

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Robert L. Strauss

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January 14, 1953

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1. 1940-1941

2. 1942-1943

3. 1944-1945

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Bureau Budget No. 33-R058.3.
Approval expires Oct. 31, 1945.

AFFIDAVIT—OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION (Special—Revised)

(Submit in triplicate, plus any additional copies specified by certifying agency)

Name of company Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice
(Corporation, partnership, individual—if self-employed, so state)Address at which
registrant is employed 1310 Moreland Ave. N. E. Building
(Location of plant, office, or division where registrant works)Dallas,
(City)Texas
(State)Description of the activities of this establishment see attachmentSocial Security Industrial Code _____
(If not known, call local U. S. E. S. office)Name of registrant Robert Eugene AndersonSelective Service Order No. 42000 Date of birth October 29, 1916 (23)Local Board 1 Jones Ames, Texas
(Number) (County) (City) (State)Title of present job Special Agent

(State whether journeyman, apprentice, helper, certificated, licensed, professional engineer, etc.)

Describe duties actually performed see attachment

(Be specific—include name of machine or machine tool, process, materials, etc.)

Date employed January 12, 1942 Date entered present job January 12, 1942Average ~~weekly~~ rate of pay \$4623.32 Average hours worked per week 43.70
paid working week - 40 hoursPrior work experience Attorney; Hamilton, Harrell, Hamilton and Surber, Dallas, TexasEducational background B.A. degree from University of Texas, Austin, Texas

(Fill out if necessary to establish employee's qualifications for a particular job)

J. Edgar Hoover
(Name)

March 9, 1945
(Date)

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

(Official position)

Employer: Leave this section blank. Certifying Agency: Complete this section only if request is certified.

CERTIFYING AGENCY

REVIEW COMMITTEE ON DEFERMENT OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES 12
(Name of agency authorized to certify) (Agency code No.)

certified on MAR 15 1945 for a period of APPROVED 6 Months
(Date) (Not to exceed 6 months)

Authorized Government Request must be entered
here for Federal Government Employees only

GOVERNMENT REQUEST
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
F.B.I. REGIONAL AGENCY COMMITTEE
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date Clyde A. Tolson, Chairman

REVIEW COMMITTEE ON DEFERMENT OF
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
Edgar F. Puryear, Chairman

LOCAL BOARD REPORT TO
DIRECTOR OF SELECTIVE SERVICE

(LOCAL BOARD DATE STAMP WITH CODE)

This registrant has been classified in

Class _____ until _____

(Member or clerk of local board)

DUPLICATE

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CLASSIFICATION ADVICE

App. Not Req.



Local Board No. 1	82
Jones County	253
APR 9 1945 001	
Court House Anson, Texas	

(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)

APR 9 1945

(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

You are advised that—

Robert

(First name)

Schwartz

(Middle name)

Strauss

(Last name)

Order No. 2099 has been classified in Class II-A

until 9-15-1945 19

(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☒ Local Board.

☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of _____ to _____).

☒ President.

DSS Form 59
(Revised 12-10-43)

(See other side)

(Member or clerk of local board)

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[Signature]

ANNUAL

Form approved
Budget Bureau No. 50-R012.
Approval expires Mar. 30, 1945.

REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ()
OFFICIAL:
REGULAR (X) SPECIAL ()
PROBATIONAL or TRIAL PERIOD ()

As of March 31, 1945 based on performance during period from Apr. 1, 1944 to Mar. 31, 1945

ROBERT S. STRAUSS

Special Agent - CAF-11

(Name of employee)

(Title of position, service, and grade)

Federal Bureau of Investigation - Dallas Field Division

(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE	1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, C. S. C. Form No. 3823A. 2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i> .	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning <input type="checkbox"/> All others <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
✓ if adequate		
- if weak		
+ if outstanding		

- (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments.
----- (2) Mechanical skill.
✓ (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures.
----- (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work).
----- (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments.
----- (6) Attention to pertinent detail.
----- (7) Accuracy of operations.
----- (8) Accuracy of final results.
✓ (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions.
----- (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts.
✓ (11) Industry.
✓ (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.
✓ (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? -----) (Yes or no)
✓ (14) Ability to organize his work.
----- (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others.
----- (16) Cooperativeness.
----- (17) Initiative.
✓ (18) Resourcefulness.
----- (19) Dependability.
----- (20) Physical fitness for the work.

- (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs.
----- (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs.
----- (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures.
----- (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates.
----- (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates.
----- (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work.
----- (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale.
----- (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs.
----- (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines.
----- (30) Ability to make decisions.
----- (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act.

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

- ✓ (A) Ability to direct and lead a group of agents on raids and dangerous assignments.
----- (B) 4 APR 26 1945
----- (C) 2-3-45

STANDARD

Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form

	Adjective rating	Adjective rating
Plus marks on all underlined elements, and no minus marks.	Excellent	Rating official <u>Very Good</u>
Plus marks on at least half of the underlined elements, and no minus marks.	Very good	
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and any minus marks overcompensated by plus marks.	Good	Reviewing official <u>7</u>
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and minus marks not overcompensated by plus marks.	Fair	
Minus marks on at least half of the underlined elements.	Unsatisfactory	

Rated by [Signature] Special Agent in Charge March 21, 1945
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)
Reviewed by [Signature] Assistant Director 3-21-45
(Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)
Rating approved by efficiency rating committee _____ Report to employee _____
(Date) (Adjective rating)

DRM:FB

Dallas, Texas
March 21, 1945

MEMORANDUM:

Re: ROBERT S. STRAUSS, Special Agent
Annual Report of Efficiency Rating

This memorandum supplements Standard Form of Efficiency Rating No. 51 and with that form constitutes the annual efficiency rating on Mr. Strauss.

Mr. Strauss makes a good personal appearance and has a better than average personality. He dresses well and is possessed of a sufficient degree of force and aggressiveness. He has exhibited initiative on several important assignments.

Mr. Strauss is considered good in ability to dictate. He is a satisfactory automobile driver and a good witness. His firearms scores over the past year have averaged: hip shooting, 95; practical pistol course, 89; shotgun, 96; rifle, 84; machine gun, 91 minus; as compared with an office average for the same period of: hip shooting, 97 plus; practical pistol course, 88 plus; shotgun, 97 minus; rifle, 84 plus; machine gun, 92 plus. Mr. Strauss could be utilized on dangerous assignment under supervision.

6-1-44 copy 10 3800
He has handled physical surveillances satisfactorily. He uses a typewriter with average facility for an agent and does not take shorthand. His reports are generally good and require little supervision, although it is noted that the administrative aspects of his reporting have at times caused errors of form in reporting on the part of this agent. His business contacts, particularly among the higher Jewish element in this division, have been above average, and I consider him average in contacts with law enforcement officials. He has handled a number of liaison duties with Armed Forces personnel in the Eighth Service Command and has done an above average job in this regard. This man can organize, initiate, and assume responsibility for the usual types of Bureau investigations without supervision, and although not robust, Mr. Strauss is apparently in good physical condition and qualified to handle his job.

Mr. Strauss worked on general assignment in Dallas the major portion of this period and has handled Sabotage, leads in Espionage, and Security Matters, in addition to criminal investigations including Bribery, Selective Service, Larceny From Interstate Shipment, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, White Slave Traffic Act, Illegal Wearing of Uniform, Impersonation, Theft of Government Property, Crimes on Government Reservations, and contacts with Confidential Plant Informants.

I do not consider this man qualified for a supervisory assignment, although he has not worked in a supervisory capacity in Dallas.

Status: VERY GOOD.

RS
Initials

DR Morley
DEAN R. MORLEY
Special Agent in Charge

RCH:DW

June 15, 1945

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. A. P. Kitchin
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1318 Mercantile Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

RE: ROBERT SCHWARTZ STRAUSS
Special Agent

Dear Mr. Kitchin:

A review of the file of the above-named employee indicates that he entered on duty January 12, 1942 and at his request was transferred to the Dallas Office on April 13, 1943. It is observed that he is from Stamford, Texas, and was transferred to your office when he advised the Bureau that both his father and mother were seriously ill. He explained that his father at that time was confined to a hospital with a serious heart ailment and he believed a temporary transfer to Dallas would enhance the chance for his father's recovery and would be of great aid to his mother. While attending In-Service School in August, 1944, Strauss informed that his father's health had not improved particularly and it was one of those propositions where he might live a number of years and on the other hand might die at any time.

Mr. Acers when inspecting the Dallas Office in September, 1944, indicated a belief that Strauss should be transferred to a Metropolitan area in the East as soon as his father's condition would permit. In a self-inspection report, Mr. Morley in December, 1944, stated that this Agent's volume of production was a little below average and that he needed to improve in that regard. Previously Mr. Morley had also indicated that he has a tendency at times to take it a little too easy and could be more industrious without overworking.

It is felt that Strauss would probably profit from a transfer away from Dallas. At the same time, however, the Bureau does not desire to take this action unless the condition of his parents will permit. In view of the necessity for reducing the number of Agents assigned to your office, I would appreciate advice and your recommendation as to what action the Bureau should take in connection with the assignment of this Agent.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Dallas, Texas



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

July 3, 1945

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Re: ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS
Special Agent

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 15, 1945, which was called to my attention upon my return to the office July 2, 1945.

In connection with this matter, I have discussed the situation with Special Agent Strauss, and he advises me that his father's condition is unchanged, and, although he has not been in the hospital for the last several months, he still suffers the same condition and the doctors still state that it is impossible to anticipate when another attack will occur.

Agent Strauss advises me that his wife is to be confined almost momentarily and that after the arrival of the baby it would be from seven weeks to two months before she could travel. However, he feels that after this time he would be available for transfer wherever the Bureau desires to send him. It is noted that Agent Strauss' attitude is very commendable. He states that although he realizes that his father's condition may change for the worse any time, he has been in this office for two years and is greatly appreciative of your allowing him to remain here for this length of time. I feel that after the arrival of the baby and improvement in the condition of Mrs. Strauss to where she can travel, Agent Strauss will be available for transfer.

It is recommended that, if it is possible to do so, he be transferred to an office not too great a distance from Stamford, Texas, so that he would be available in the event of any emergency in his father's condition. In this connection, he advised me that it was necessary for him to take three emergency trips from Cincinnati while there when, upon advice of physicians, he was called to his father's bedside, expecting his demise.

It is my recommendation that he be transferred when his wife's condition is such that she can travel, and a tickler is being made and the Bureau will be notified when this condition exists.

Very truly yours,

A. P. Kitchen
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 6, 1945

FROM : SAC, Dallas

SUBJECT: ROBERT S. STRAUSS, Special Agent
In-Service Training

Reference is made to your letter of July 2, 1945, instructing that this agent report to the Seat of Government on July 30, 1945, in connection with in-service training.

In this connection I wish to advise that on July 5, 1945, Special Agent STRAUSS was notified by long distance telephone of the serious condition of his mother, and on July 6, 1945, she was brought to a hospital in Dallas for a major operation. It is anticipated that by July 30, 1945, her condition will be such that Agent STRAUSS may be able to attend. However, it will be impossible to advise definitely at this time whether he will be able to attend as scheduled on July 30, 1945.

It is the suggestion of the writer that in view of the foregoing some other agent be designated to attend this in-service class and that the attendance of Agent STRAUSS be postponed until the condition of his mother is definitely known.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Dallas, Texas

August 4, 1945

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

Re: ROBERT S. STRAUSS, Special Agent

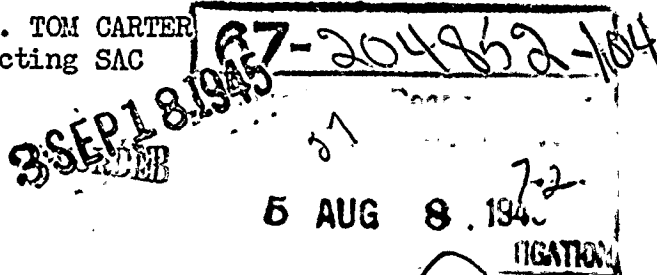
Dear Sir:

The Bureau is advised that on the morning of August 3, 1945, a son, Richard Charles, was born to Special Agent and Mrs. Robert S. Strauss.

Very truly yours,

B. TOM CARTER
Acting SAC

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SAC, Dallas

August 10, 1945

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Robert S. Strauss
Special Agent

Reference is made to your letter of July 6, 1945, concerning the serious physical condition of the above-named Special Agent's mother.

It is desired you advise the Bureau immediately whether or not Agent Strauss is available for In-Service Training at this time.

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
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- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Gandy

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8-14-45

FROM : SAC, Dallas

SUBJECT: ROBERT S. STRAUSS, Special Agent

With reference to your letter dated August 10, 1945, concerning the attendance of this agent at in-service training, the Bureau is advised that Agent Strauss' mother has been released from the hospital but is still in a serious condition. However, it is believed that her condition will improve in the near future, and at the present time it is anticipated that Special Agent Strauss should be available for in-service training any time after September 15, 1945.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**



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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund prior to July 30, 1945, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK ~~MONEY ORDER~~) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary for F. B. I. Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name MRS. C.H. STRAUSS Address STAMFORD, TEXAS
Relationship Mother Dated 7-28-45

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500-death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name MRS. C.H. STRAUSS Address STAMFORD, TEXAS
Relationship MOTHER Dated 7-28-45

Very truly yours,

Robert S. Strauss
Special Agent

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October 10, 1945

Local Board Number 1
Selective Service System
Court House
Amen, Texas

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Selective Service case of Mr. Robert Schwarz Strauss, who is registered with your Board as Order Number 2099. You will recall that deferment has been requested by me for this registrant and as a result thereof, he has been continued in a deferred status.

For your information, Mr. Strauss has submitted his resignation as an employee in this service, and accordingly my previous request for occupational deferment is hereby withdrawn.

Sincerely yours,

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE REQUEST
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Chairman

✓ CC: Review Committee, War Manpower Commission
CC: SAC - Dallas

- Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Robert S. Strauss
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1918 Mercantile Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Strauss:

On this happy occasion,
I want to extend to Mrs. Strauss
and to you my congratulations on
the birth of your son, Richard
Charles.

I know he will brighten
both of your lives, and it is my
sincere wish that happiness and
good health will be with him
always.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

CC: SAC, Dallas

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. OCTOBER 10, 1945

Transmit the following message to: SAC, DALLAS

RESIGNATION SA ROBERT S. STRAUSS BEING ACCEPTED EFFECTIVE AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS
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PROPERTY AND FORWARDING ADDRESS. CONFIRMATION TO FOLLOW.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Per *[initials]*

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204853-1080
October 10, 1945

Mr. Robert S. Strauss
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
1318 Mercantile Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Strauss:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 3, 1945, submitting your resignation as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. In accordance with your request your resignation is being accepted effective at the close of business October 19, 1945, active duty to cease at the same time.

You will receive payment for forty-one days and one hour annual leave to your credit which will expire at 10:00 A. M., December 20, 1945, providing no emergency leave is taken by you subsequent to the submission of your resignation.

There is enclosed an Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions which should be executed by you, in duplicate, and returned to this Bureau for appropriate action.

For your information, deductions will not be taken from your salary for retirement purposes subsequent to the effective date of your resignation.

It is indeed gratifying to know you have enjoyed your association with the Bureau and I regret that the illness of your parents has been a motivating factor in necessitating your decision.

With best wishes for your future success,

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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CC: SAC, Dallas



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1318 Mercantile Bank Building
Dallas 1, Texas



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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October 3, 1945

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

I herewith tender my resignation effective at the close of business October 19, 1945. I have made this decision with full realization that I will profit throughout my life from my association with the Bureau under your able and inspiring leadership.

I want you to know that I am deeply and sincerely appreciative of the numerous favors extended me during the serious illnesses of my parents. As you know, they both remain in very poor health, and this factor largely motivates my decision.

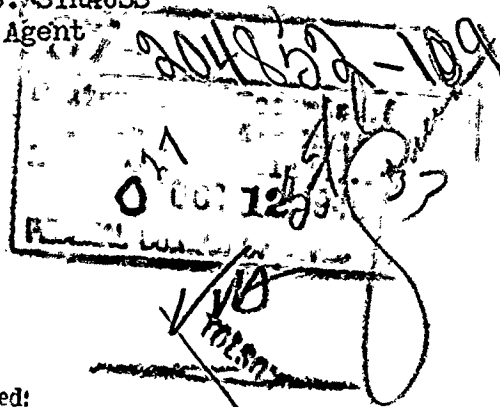
I shall look forward to further service on behalf of the Bureau at every future opportunity.

Very truly yours,

Robert S. Strauss

ROBERT S. STRAUSS
Special Agent

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Dallas, Texas
October 19, 1945

MEMORANDUM:

Re: ROBERT S. STRAUSS, Special Agent
Special Efficiency Report

The following special efficiency report is being submitted in view of the resignation of Special Agent Robert S. Strauss from the service.

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Mr. Strauss has previously been assigned to the Des Moines and Cincinnati Field Offices. Mr. Strauss presents a good appearance, has a good sense of humor, and gets along well with his fellow employees. He is alert and intelligent. He was physically capable of carrying out the duties of a special agent. This agent was rated by the stenographers of the Dallas Field Office as being below average in his ability to dictate. His main difficulty appeared to be that he did not marshal his facts and he spoke with an irregular speed while dictating. This agent's volume was very low and he appeared to be lazy. His reports reflected pertinent information and indicated resourcefulness. His errors were commensurate with his tenure of service. I did not observe any supervisory or administrative ability on the part of this agent, because he did not seem to have his heart in his work.

It is to be observed that Mr. Strauss was under my supervision for only approximately sixty days, and I presume that during this period he was contemplating resigning from the service, and therefore was not desirous of impressing anyone with his ability as an agent. I feel that this agent is entitled to a rating of GOOD.

Status: GOOD

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PERCY WYLY, II
Special Agent in Charge

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ()
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Special Agent - CAF-11

(Title of position, service, and grade)

(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

----- (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments.
 ----- (2) Mechanical skill.
 /----- (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures.
 ----- (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work).
 /----- (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments.
 /----- (6) Attention to pertinent detail.
 /----- (7) Accuracy of operations.
 /----- (8) Accuracy of final results.
 /----- (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions.
 /----- (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts.
 ----- (11) Industry.
 ----- (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.
 ----- (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? -----)
 ----- (14) Ability to organize his work.
 /----- (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others.
 /----- (16) Cooperativeness.
 ----- (17) Initiative.
 /----- (18) Resourcefulness.
 /----- (19) Dependability.
 /----- (20) Physical fitness for the work.

----- (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs.
 ----- (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs.
 ----- (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures.
 ----- (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates.
 ----- (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates.
 ----- (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work.
 ----- (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale.
 ----- (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs.
 ----- (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines.
 ----- (30) Ability to make decisions.
 ----- (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act.

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STANDARD		Adjective rating
Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form		
Plus marks on all underlined elements, and no minus marks.....	Excellent	Rating official <u>GOOD</u>
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Reviewed by _____
(Signature of reviewing official) _____ (Title) _____ (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee _____ Report to employee _____
(Date) (Adjective rating)



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Dallas, Texas



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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Re: ROBERT S. STRAUSS
Special Agent

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith final efficiency rating on Special Agent Robert S. Strauss, who has resigned from the service, active duty having ceased at the close of business October 19, 1945. There are also transmitted herewith this agent's field personnel file, leave record, firearms card, and duplicate property record. *detached in L. Sec.*

Government property in possession of Mr. Strauss has been secured and forwarded to the Bureau.

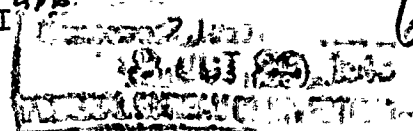
Mr. Strauss informs that his forwarding address will be 520 Republic Bank Building, Dallas, Texas.

Very truly yours,
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PERCY WYLYS II
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, DALLAS

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DEPOSITION TO ATTORNEY FOR BONDING COMPANY ADMITTING HIS MANI-
PULATIONS OF ACCOUNTS AND THEFTS OF STOCKS. [REDACTED] AND HIS
ATTORNEY, ROBERT S. STRAUSS (FORMER SA), HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR
DESIRE TO COOPERATE AND WILLINGNESS TO FURNISH STATEMENT. DUE
TO COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE OF SUBJECT AND ATTORNEY IT IS RECOM-
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October 2, 1958

MEMORANDUM

RE: MR. ROBERT S. STRAUSS

Mr. Strauss entered on duty in the Federal Bureau of Investigation on January 12, 1942, as a Special Agent, Grade CAF 9, \$3200 per annum. After a period of training, he performed investigative duties. He submitted his voluntary resignation effective at the close of business October 19, 1945, due to the condition of his parents' health. At the time of his separation, he was receiving salary of \$4300 per annum in Grade CAF 11. His services were satisfactory and nothing was known which would reflect unfavorably on his character or integrity; this comment relates only to the period in which he was an employee of this Bureau and does not constitute and should not be construed as information concerning his character, integrity or activities since separation.

Memorandum prepared for the Name Check Section for transmittal to the Small Business Administration.
William P. Baker

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File review disclosed no reason to omit statement regarding services and character.

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APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF RETIREMENT DEDUCTIONS
Read instructions on back of sheet carefully before executing this application
(SUBMIT THROUGH AGENCY WHERE LAST EMPLOYED)

CLAIM CSR

1. NAME (First) (Middle) (Last) Mr. <u>ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS</u> Mrs. Miss			2. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year) <u>OCT. 17, 1918</u>
3. DATE OF TERMINATION OF SERVICES (Month, day, year) <u>OCT. 14, 1945</u>		4. TITLE OF LAST POSITION <u>Special Agent</u>	
5. DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY <u>Department of Justice</u>		6. DIVISION OR BUREAU OR FORCE OR SERVICE <u>Federal Bureau of Investigation</u>	
7. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT (city and State) <u>Dallas, Texas</u>		8. PREVIOUS CLAIMS HAVE BEEN FILED BY ME AS FOLLOWS (see instruction 3): <u>None</u>	
9. We, the undersigned certify that we personally know the applicant herein to be the above-described person and that he (or she) is the person who signed the application. SIGNATURE OF FIRST WITNESS <u>Ray L. Michels</u> ADDRESS <u>1127 St. Louis Dallas Texas</u> (Number and street) (City and State) SIGNATURE OF SECOND WITNESS <u>R. L. Rouse</u> ADDRESS <u>1813 Mountain View Dallas Texas</u> (Number and street) (City and State)		10. I hereby declare that the above statements made this <u>19</u> day of <u>October</u> , 19 <u>45</u> are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <u>Robert Schwarz Strauss</u> IN FULL NUMBER AND STREET <u>4221 Bryn Mawr</u> CITY AND STATE <u>Dallas Texas</u>	

THIS ENCLOSED SPACE FOR USE OF UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION			
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DEFERRED PERSONNEL DATA

1. Name of Employer. Federal Bureau of Investigation.
2. Registrant's Name. ROBERT S. STRAUSS
3. Age. 24
4. Address. Cincinnati
5. Marital Status; if married, give date. Married 5-27-41
Number of children. Number of other dependents.
6. Title of Position. Special Agent
7. Date of Appointment. 1-12-42
8. Vocation or type of work for past five years. Lawyer
9. Brief background which qualifies registrant for present duties.
(See attachment)
10. Annual Salary - as of date of deferment. CAF 9
11. Original Draft Classification. 2B Changed to. Date.
12. Local Board Number and Location. #1, Anson, Texas
13. Order Number. 2099
14. By whom was deferment requested? John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation.
15. Reason given for deferment; if indispensability claimed. Why?
(See attachment)
16. Length of deferment. Not stated
17. How many renewals of deferment. Two Dates. 8-28-42, 3-23-43
18. What attempts at replacement have been made. (See attachment)

Address: H. Ralph Burton, General Counsel, #519 Old House Office Building

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ACC. SICK 94.3-34 ADV. SICK

INDIVIDUAL RECORD OF ABSENCE FOR THE YEAR OF 1943

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EMPLOYEE: SA Strauss, Robert S. E.O.D.

19 1-12-12 DIV.

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FIELD FIREARM AND SCIENTIFIC TRAINING RECORD

OF SPECIAL AGENT

Robert S. Strauss

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October 1, 1945

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
 Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas has just completed a grand jury investigation of the administration of Clyde O. Lister, former United States Attorney of this District, and of his first assistant, Joe H. Jones.

I wish to express my appreciation for the splendid investigations, reports, and the personal assistance rendered by your agents to this office and to me as United States Attorney in accomplishing this investigation. I feel that it was entirely successful, and that much good has been accomplished in restoring public confidence in this office. A part of this is due in a large measure to the thoroughness with which your Special Agents, headed by Mr. H. D. Rhodes of the St. Paul office, handled this investigation. They cooperated with us fully and it was a real pleasure to work and be associated with them. Their work certainly was a credit to your splendid organization.

I wish to highly commend Mr. Rhodes and the following Special Agents, who worked many months in conjunction with him:

L. Roy Calhoun
 Little Rock

Thomas G. Kelvin
 Oklahoma City

Elmer E. Darich
 St. Louis

Charles W. Kail, Jr.
 St. Louis

Joseph G. Jenkins
 Dallas

Robert S. Strauss
 Dallas

James B. Murphy
 Houston

Louis Thompson
 Dallas

Very sincerely,

Robt. D. Young, Jr.
 United States Attorney

C.C. to Attorney General

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Name:

W. LAMONT B. STRAUSS

Date:

October 17, 1945

BI51352

No.

CIVIL SERVICE OR
OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

Nature of Action:

REIMBURSEMENT

Effective:

October 17, 1945

	FROM	TO	NATURE OF POSITION
POSITION	Special Agent		(a) NEW
GRADE	GS-11		P. C. No.
SALARY	\$4200.		(b) ADDTNL. IDENT.
BUREAU OR DIVISION			P. C. No.
HEADQUARTERS			(c) VICE
APPROPRIATION	CSG FBI (Natl. Def.)		P. C. No.
DEPARTMENTAL OR FIELD	Field		DATE OF OATH

REMARKS:

**Terminal leave of 41 days and 1 hour thru 10 A.M.
December 15, 1945
Overnighting address not known.**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr. _____
Miss _____
Mrs. _____ Date October 17, 1945

Mr. Robert E. Strauss

New appointment ☐ Transfer ☐ Promotion ☐ Separation ☐

PRESENT STATUS

1. Title: <u>Special Agent</u>	2. Grade: <u>CAT 11</u>
3. Salary: <u>\$4300 per annum</u>	4. Seat of Government: <input type="checkbox"/> Field: <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Division:	6. Appropriation: <u>"Salaries and Expenses, FBI" (National Defense)</u>

PROPOSED ACTION

7. Title:	8. Grade:
9. Salary:	10. Seat of Government: <input type="checkbox"/> Field: <input type="checkbox"/>
11. Division:	12. Appropriation:
13. Effective:	
14. Position: <u>Forwarding address: unknown</u>	Additional: <input type="checkbox"/> Vice: <input type="checkbox"/> Identical: <input type="checkbox"/>
15. Remarks:	

Accept voluntary resignation, without prejudice, effective at the close of business October 17, 1945, active duty ceasing at the same time. Accumulated and accrued leave in the amount of forty-one days and one hour (respectively submitted) to December 20, 1945. Mr. Strauss has been requested to execute and return form (3005, "Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions."

CC: ☐ Room 1120 _____ (Title)
CC, Selective Service _____

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop *RB*

FROM : M. A. Jones *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: ROBERT SCHWARZ *(P)* STRAUSS

DATE: 8/12/69

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop *[initials]*
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
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Rosen _____
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Gandy _____

Mr. Tolson has requested a file check on one Strauss, a former Agent. Strauss may be identical with Robert Schwarz Strauss, who entered on duty as a Special Agent on 1/12/42 and resigned on 10/19/45, at which time he was assigned to the Dallas Office. He was born on October 19, 1918, at Lockhart, Texas. He resigned due to the condition of his parents' health, at which time he was in GS-11 and his services were satisfactory.

Strauss had as outstanding endorsers when he entered on duty the then United States Senator Tom Connally and the late Congressman Sam Rayburn.

In October, 1964, Strauss was interviewed concerning our investigation of Walter Jenkins, at which time Strauss stated he had known Jenkins socially for several years but knew nothing derogatory concerning him. On 11/16/67 in response to a White House name check request, [redacted] was advised that our files contained no derogatory information concerning Strauss. b6
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In April, 1968, the Dallas Office advised that Strauss represented an individual who was the subject of a Crime Aboard Aircraft matter in which the subject had apparently interfered with flight crew members while under the influence of alcohol. Strauss was identified at that time as a very close friend of then Governor Connally and represented Connally and a number of other wealthy individuals. In 1964 the Dallas Office advised in connection with another matter that Strauss was then an attorney at the Republic National Bank, Dallas, Texas, and resided at 6223 DeLoach Street, Dallas. He was considered by personnel at the bank to be of excellent character. There is no arrest record identifiable with the Identification Division concerning Strauss and the Director has had no correspondence with him since he left the Bureau in 1945.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information. *REC-142*

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - M. A. Jones

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SAC, DALLAS [redacted]

SUBJ: [redacted]

CAA - INTERFERENCE WITH
FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS

CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT
Re Bureau letter 4/23/68.

For the information of the Bureau, when this case
was presented to the Grand Jury, SA [redacted]

[redacted] advised me that he [redacted]

[redacted] the Assistant U. S. Attorney who was handling
the case, namely [redacted]

It is noted that [redacted]

It is noted that
STRAUSS, who is a former FBI Agent, is a very close friend of
Governor CONNALLY. He also represents CONNALLY and a number
of other wealthy people. It is actually believed, therefore, [redacted]

U. S. Attorney MELVIN DIGGS is currently in Washington,
attending the U. S. Attorneys Conferences. Upon his return, I
will discuss the matter with him and determine whether he intends
to take any further action.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

FROM : SAC, DALLAS [REDACTED] (RUC)

SUBJECT: VEGMON
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DATE: 3/23/64

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Re Miami tels to Bureau, 2/15/64, and 2/17/64;
Miami airtel to Bureau, 2/15/64; Philadelphia tel to
Bureau, 2/20/64.

Referenced Philadelphia tel revealed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] had departed Philadelphia on 2/20/64 for New York
City with unconfirmed reservation to Dallas, Texas via
Braniff Airways. On 2/20/64, [REDACTED] Braniff
Airways, Dallas, advised that he had telephonically con-
tacted their New York Office and checked via radio with
the pilot of Braniff Flight No. 5, which had already de-
parted New York City for Dallas, Texas, and ascertained
that [REDACTED] was not on the flight.

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On 2/20/64, [REDACTED]
Dallas Sheraton Hotel, advised that reservations had been
made at the hotel for [REDACTED] for the night of
2/20/64. He advised that reservations were made by a
ROBERT STRAUSS, Riverside 1-6252.

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[REDACTED] subsequently contacted the Dallas Office
and advised that the reservations had been cancelled for the
night of 2/20/64.

The 1963 City Directory for Dallas, Texas reveals
that ROBERT S. STRAUSS is an attorney at the Republic
National Bank, with telephone number Riverside 1-6252.
His residence is listed as 6223 DeLoache. STRAUSS is

- 2 - Bureau
 - 2 - Newark [REDACTED]
 - 1 - Las Vegas (Info) [REDACTED]
 - 1 - Dallas
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known to the Dallas Division as a former Special Agent and is considered by personnel at the Republic National Bank to be of excellent character.

Inasmuch as the Dallas Division did not receive any information from established sources that [redacted] had visited Dallas, no further investigation is being conducted by the Dallas Division at this time.

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HENRY D. AKIN
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ROBERT S. STRAUSS
JOHN L. HAUER
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HAILEY A. ROBERTS
ROBERT L. MEYERS III
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AKIN, GUMP, STRAUSS, HAUER & FELD
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
2800 REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
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August 19, 1969

My Dear Mr. Hoover,

It was a very flattering surprise for me to receive your book this morning. Your thoughtfulness and friendship are appreciated.

I hope you know how very much I enjoyed our Sunday together at Del Mar. I look forward to seeing you and Mr. Tolson next year, if not before. In the meantime, with all best wishes for your continuing success in good health and with warm regards to Mr. Tolson, I am,

Sincerely,

Robert S. Strauss

-RSS/mp

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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February 23, 1971

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National Conference of
Bar Examiners
Suite 3200
333 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear [Redacted]

Receipt is acknowledged of your inquiry which was received in this Bureau February 17, 1971, regarding the former employment in the Federal Bureau of Investigation of Mr. Robert S. Strauss.

Dates Employed: January 12, 1942, to
October 19, 1945, as
a Special Agent

Duties Performed: Investigative duties

Reason for Leaving: Due to his parents' health

His services were satisfactory and nothing was known which would reflect unfavorably on his character or integrity; this comment relates only to the period of his employment with this Bureau and does not constitute and should not be construed as information concerning his character, integrity or activities since separation.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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February 15, 1971

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Our Conference has been asked to prepare the required character report on ROBERT S. STRAUSS, a member of the bar of Texas who is applying for admission to the bar of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. He states he was born in Lockhart, Texas on October 19, 1918.

Mr. Strauss states he was employed as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1941 to 1945. We wish to verify the dates of employment and to learn if Mr. Strauss was satisfactory from the standpoint of character and ability.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Robert S. Strauss
Chairman
Democratic National Committee
1625 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mr. Strauss:

The letter you sent the Attorney General enclosing two communications from [redacted] has been forwarded to FBI Headquarters and was received here on July 24th.

With respect to [redacted] inquiry concerning the whereabouts of [redacted] she was advised on October 27, 1970, in answer to a prior communication, that there was no way that the FBI could be of assistance to her. At that time she stated her son was supposedly killed in a car accident on May 19, 1968, but the casket remained closed and members of the family were not called in to identify the body. I can assure you, however, her son has never been employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[redacted] who is currently an employee of this Bureau, was interviewed and advised that beginning in 1963 or 1964, when she was assigned as a secretary to our New York Office, she received frequent telephone calls from [redacted]. She stated [redacted] also sent letters to the New York Office and neither the phone calls nor the letters contained any information concerning violations of any laws within the jurisdiction of the FBI. She stated that sometime in 1968 [redacted] called and said his son had died in an automobile accident. He called later and said he suspected his son was still alive. [redacted] stated that at no time, either directly or by implication, did she indicate to [redacted] that she thought his son was alive, that she had been or could be in contact with him in any way, or that he had any connection whatever with the FBI. [redacted] stated that she has never been contacted in person or telephonically by [redacted].

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Sincerely yours,
C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

1 - Mr. Callahan

NOTE: Mr. Strauss is a former SA who EOD 1-12-42 and resigned 10-19-45. His service was satisfactory.

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1625 Massachusetts Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036 (202) 797-5900

Robert S. Strauss
Chairman

July 16, 1973

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

We have received numerous letters from the [redacted]
relative to the where-abouts of their son. Perhaps your
office may be able to provide them with some relief.

Thank you very kindly.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Strauss

Honorable Elliott Richardson REC 25
Attorney General of the United States
Justice Department
Washington, D. C.

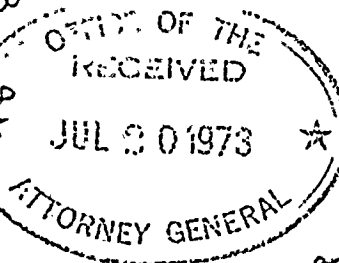
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NAME CHECK

MR. ROBERT S. STRAUSS

The following pertains to the former employment in the Federal Bureau of Investigation of captioned individual.

Date of entry on duty: January 12, 1942

EOD title, grade
and salary: Special Agent, Grade CAF 9, \$3200 per annum

Duties performed as Special Agent.
following period of training: Investigative duties

Date of separation: October 19, 1945

Reason for leaving: Due to his parents' health

Salary and grade at
time of separation: \$4300 per annum in Grade CAF 11

His services were satisfactory and nothing was known which would reflect unfavorably on his character or integrity; this comment relates only to the period of his employment with this Bureau and does not constitute and should not be construed as information concerning his character, integrity or activities since separation.

Memorandum prepared for the Name Check Section for transmittal to

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Mr. Felt
Mr. Baker
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Cleveland
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Gebhardt
Mr. Jenkins
Mr. Marshall
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Mr. Soyars
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<input type="checkbox"/> Miss Wood	<input type="checkbox"/> See Me Please
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<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Swope	<input type="checkbox"/> Note Status and Return

☐ Mr. _____☐ Mrs. _____☐ Miss _____

Memo, please for

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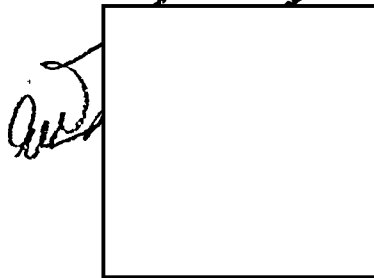
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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- ROBERT S. STRAUSS, THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE, IS A FORMER FBI AGENT WHO IS NOW A BROADCASTING EXECUTIVE, BANKER AND LAWYER.

SHORT AND GRAY-HAIRED, THE 54-YEAR-OLD FORMER PARTY TREASURER ENTERED NATIONAL POLITICS IN 1968 WHEN HE WAS ELECTED TO THE COMMITTEE FROM TEXAS. HE TOOK OVER THE JOB OF TREASURER IN MARCH, 1970, WHEN SEN. FRED R. HARRIS, D-OKLA., BECAME CHAIRMAN, AND HE CONTINUED IN THE OFFICE UNDER LAWRENCE F. O'BRIEN.

STRAUSS RESIGNED WHEN SEN. GEORGE S. MCGOVERN WON THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION LAST SUMMER, AND TOOK ON CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS.

STRAUSS WAS CREDITED WITH SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCING THE \$9.3 MILLION DEBT THAT THE PARTY HAD AFTER THE 1968 ELECTION AND WITH PUTTING THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON A CASH AND CARRY BASIS DURING THE HARRIS-O'BRIEN ADMINISTRATION.

STRAUSS HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A SUPPORTER OF THE TEXAS DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S CONSERVATIVE FACTION LONG LED BY FORMER GOV. JOHN B. CONNALLY. DURING HIS CAMPAIGN FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP, STRAUSS SAID HE REMAINED CONNALLY'S FRIEND BUT HAD BEEN AT POLITICAL ODDS WITH HIM AFTER CONNALLY BECAME PRESIDENT NIXON'S TREASURY SECRETARY AND HEAD OF DEMOCRATS FOR NIXON IN THIS YEAR'S ELECTION.

STRAUSS IS A NATIVE OF LOCKHART, TEX., AND A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS. HE IS A FORMER FBI AGENT AND SINCE 1945 HAS PRACTICED LAW IN DALLAS.

HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARDS OF THE STRAUSS BROADCASTING CO., AND THE VALLEY VIEW STATE BANK, BOTH IN DALLAS. STRAUSS, WHO IS JEWISH, IS MARRIED AND THE FATHER OF THREE CHILDREN.

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**Robert Strauss named
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Robert S. Strauss of Dallas, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, has been named to the Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

(Strauss, a former FBI agent, has practiced law in Dallas since 1945. He is a senior partner, now on leave, in the firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, with offices in Dallas and Washington, D.C.)

He is board chairman of Strauss Broadcasting Company in Dallas and also serves as board chairman of the Valley View State Bank in Dallas. He is married and the father of three children.

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